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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMISSION
MINUTES
CITY HALL – 155 DEER HILL AVENUE
City Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Bernard Gallo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Falk, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, and Matt Rose. Absent were Mary Cronin, Tom Giegler, and Alex Wolk. Staff present: Abby Lewis, Public Health Inspector, and Mary Larkin, Secretary. Mr. Gallo seated Elizabeth Falk as a regular member for tonight's meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Massoud.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 28, and October 12, 2022

Motion to accept the minutes of September 28, 2022 was made by Matt Rose; seconded by Elizabeth Falk. All in favor by those eligible to vote: Matt Rose, Geoff Herald, and Elizabeth Falk.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 12, 2022 was made by Elizabeth Falk; seconded by Mark Massoud. All in favor by those eligible to vote: Bernard Gallo, Mark Massoud, and Elizabeth Falk.

NEW BUSINESS:

EIC No. 1176 Reiser, Gail & Jason, 18 Carol Street, (H23043), RA-20 Zone, Rehab dwelling

Gail Reiser, owner, presented the application and said that their builders, Rachel and Drew Steitzel, and licensed blaster, Dave D'Ambruoso, were present. Mr. D'Ambruoso has over 35 years of experience. She explained her application and documents and photos that are included. They are requesting EIC approval for blasting so that they can install a proper foundation which allows for a basement. An addition had been put on the house and you can still see some of the foundation left over. Demolition permits

evoked a review of the existing addition only to find that it had never gone through the proper channels of review. Permits from 1993 existed but were never completed. Mrs. Reiser explained they want to cover all of the necessary reviews and permitting. They have Zoning approval for the home, Health Department approval for the septic, the Fire Marshal issued the blasting permit, but they need EIC approval due to their proximity to the lake.

Mr. Gallo said they received two letters and would need time to go through the letters before making a decision. Commissioner Geoff Herald asked how long blasters will be on site blasting? Mrs. Reiser said there would be about three days of drilling, one day of blasting, another two days of drilling, and one more day of blasting. Mr. Herald was satisfied that the proper notifications were made to neighbors.

Motion to table until November 9, 2022 was made by Matt Rose; seconded by Mark Massoud. All in favor with Ayes from Elizabeth Falk, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, Matt Rose, and Bernard Gallo.

EIC No. 1177 Target Corporation, Thomas Beecher, Esq. (Agent), 7 Backus Avenue, (F17014), CG-20 Zone

Mr. Gallo explained that Attorney Beecher is not here this evening; however, Public Health Inspector Abby Lewis will present the information. Ms. Lewis referred to this as the site of the former Sears and said that she and Attorney Beecher reviewed the application. Ms. Lewis stated they are not increasing the footprint at all. The project consists of changing some of the parking space lines and drilling to make cart corrals and a few areas for lights. The changes will be 140+’ from any regulated area. Ms. Lewis believes the applicant’s request for Administrative Approval is valid. Commissioner Mark Massoud said he looked at the inland wetlands and the ponds adjacent to the site, and they appear to be as intact as he has ever seen them. He said he is curious about the current state of permitting with either the State or the Feds about the water quality that comes off of the site; however, this is not something he expects to make part of this application. Mr. Massoud said the work they are doing is minimal and not increasing the pervious surfaces and concurs with administrative approval.

Motion to move to Administrative Approval was made by Geoff Herald; seconded by Mark Massoud. All in favor with Ayes from Elizabeth Falk, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, Matt Rose, and Bernard Gallo.

OLD BUSINESS:

EIC No. 1175 7 Blackstone Court, (H11283-7), RA-20 Zone, pool construction

Samantha Brant from Nejame and Sons said at the last meeting the Commission requested soil samples. Research of previous records submitted by the developer indicated there are no wetlands soils. Paxton and Woodbridge soils were present. This was originally called the Hidden Glen Development. When asked, Ms. Brant acknowledged that she had read the Project Impact Report.

Motion to approve, summary ruling with three conditions of approval, was made by Matt Rose; seconded by Geoff Herald. All in favor with Ayes from Elizabeth Falk, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, Matt Rose, and Bernard Gallo.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACTIONS: None

VIOLATIONS: 21A Virginia Avenue, Danbury, CT

This action was previously tabled to November 9, 2022.

Barnum Road, Danbury, CT - Cease & Desist/Notice of Violation

Mr. Gallo indicated that a letter was sent to Michael Halas and signed for, but we have not heard from him. No one was present at the meeting to discuss a plan. Commissioner Matt Rose asked the location of the violation on Barnum. Mr. Gallo said it was behind the farm. There is sewer trunk line and a water line. The sewer trunk line is from Pembroke School and water line is from Marjorie Reservoir. Mr. Gallo indicated the owner has been notified about several times.

Mr. Rose asked about a lot of trees being taken down on Barnum near Morgan. No one was aware of it. Mr. Gallo will look at the site tomorrow. Mr. Herald offered to go with him at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to table to November 9, 2022 was made by Geoff Herald; seconded by Mark Massoud. All in favor with Ayes from Elizabeth Falk, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, Matt Rose, and Bernard Gallo.

OTHER MATTERS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Massoud; seconded by Geoff Herald. All in favor with Ayes from Elizabeth Falk, Geoff Herald, Mark Massoud, Matt Rose, and Bernard Gallo. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary S. Larkin
Recording Secretary