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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMISSION  
City Council Chambers – 155 Deer Hill Avenue  
JANUARY 9, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Bernie Gallo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mary Cronin, Geoff Herald, and Matt Rose.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matt Rose.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Chairman Gallo represented that he had viewed and listened to the meeting held on June 27, 2018. Motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2018 was made by Commissioner Matt Rose, seconded by Commissioner Geoff Herald. Motion passed with Ayes from Bernie Gallo, Geoff Herald, and Matt Rose.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 10, 2018 was made by Commissioner Geoff Herald; seconded by Commissioner Matt Rose. Motion passed with Ayes from Bernie Gallo, Geoff Herald, and Matt Rose.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **January 23, 2019**

OLD BUSINESS:

#1054 Luis & Jesus Panora, 17 South Well Ave. (H15058), Regulated Activity

Dainius Virbickas, P.E., with Artel Engineering Group, Brookfield, CT, appeared before the Commission and indicated the discussions regarding 17 South Well Avenue have been primarily between the attorneys. This is a clearing up of a violation by the applicant. At present the condominium owners seem amenable to the proposed remediation; however, they are looking for more stabilization in the form of trees, which may not be possible given the wooded condition of the land. Mr. Virbickas indicated that new seed mixes are proposed from a Massachusetts source familiar with this type of environment. Counsel for Mr. Panora is reaching out to counsel for the condominium association. Mr. Virbickas will report back.

Commissioner Rose asked if riprap would be used and Environmental Compliance Officer Joseph Mead indicated there is a plan for riprap. Mr. Mead said that adjacent to the property is a City easement for a

sewer line that goes through there; therefore, keeping the remediation work out of that area is important as well. Enhancement of the area is the goal

Motion to table the matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 23, 2019 was made by Commissioner Matt Rose; seconded by Commissioner Mary Cronin. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

#762RR Sugar Hollow Associates, LLC., 5 Sugar Hollow Road/4 Backus Avenue, (G17002), CG-20 Zone, Regulated Activity Amendment to permit for additional parking spaces.

Dainius Virbickas, P. E., with Artel Engineering Group, Brookfield, CT, appeared before the Commission on behalf of the applicant. Attorney Neil Marcus joined the meeting and approached the Board. Attorney Marcus said the proposal is to create additional parking at the Backus Avenue site. There are three units across the Kissen Brook, and the tenants want additional parking. The issue is to maintain the buffers to the wetland and not to destabilize any of the site. Mr. Virbickas explained the locations and details of the seven proposed parking spaces and stated there will be no temporary or permanent impact to the brook. Commissioner Geoff Herald asked about the proposed compact car parking in the driveway, and Mr. Virbickas referred to the plan and indicated the area to be widened. Commissioner Herald asked if they were coming closer to the river. Mr. Virbickas answered that it would only be in the southwesterly corner.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the amendment; Commissioner Herald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#923R Jennings Oil Company, 30 E. Franklin Street, (I13016), IL-40 Zone, Regulated Activity  
Permit extension.

Robert J. Carr, P.E., L.P.E. with Zuvic-Carr, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Some of the work has been completed since the initial approval, and they are now working with DEEP on the asphalt impervious surface, which is why they are delayed and requesting an extension of the existing permit. Motion to extend the permit was made by Commissioner Rose, seconded by Commissioner Cronin, at which time Chairman Gallo reminded Mr. Carr that this extension picks up where the initial one ended. Mr. Carr acknowledged same, and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACTIONS: None

VIOLATIONS: None

OTHER MATTERS: Acceptance of 2019 Calendar

Motion to approve the 2019 calendar was made by Commissioner Matt Rose; Commissioner Geoff Herald seconded; motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS:

Elections were not held in December 2017 due to lack of meeting.

The current officers are Chairman Bernard Gallo, Vice Chairman Matthew Rose, and Secretary Mark Massoud. Commissioner Matt Rose nominated Bernard Gallo as Chairman; seconded by Geoff Herald. Commissioner Geoff Herald nominated Commissioner Matt Rose as Vice Chairman; seconded by Mary Cronin, and Commissioner Matt Rose nominated Mark Massoud as Secretary; seconded by Mary Cronin. Motions passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence shown below was acknowledged by the Commission.

Candlewood Lake Authority: FirstLight Shoreline Management Plan  
From DEEP, information dated 12-13-2018.

Letter from DEEP, dated 12-12-18, re: Completion of Maintenance Work, Rose Hill Ave. Pond Dam,  
Dam ID#: 3407

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. was made by Commissioner Matt Rose; seconded by Commissioner Mary Cronin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Larkin, Secretary  
Environmental Impact Commission