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**THE CITY OF GROTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 11, 2006**

**C-8
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 PM**

I. ROLL CALL

Present: K. Valente, G. Chmura, L. Luck

Absent: Palmieri, Parrella, Mingoia

Also present: City of Groton Planning Staff: Carl Smith
Representing Northfield commons:
Matt Calvert
Ian Cole (Soil Scientist)
Patricia Chambers (Project Engineer)

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve meeting minutes of June 6, 2006 with modification to Roman Numeral III AS INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY part A. NEW APPLICATIONS.
Add:

Shenecossett Beach Club., Inc., would like to remove existing handrails and replace handrails on front entry walkway, with galvanized piping rails. Goal: comply with code.

Motion to Accept: Palmieri

Second: Luck

Decision: passed

In favor: Palmieri, Luck, Valente, Chmura

Abstention: Parrella

Motion to Approve with condition of tarp during construction to protect vegetation.: Luck

Second: Palmieri

Decision: passed

In favor: Palmieri, Luck, Valente, Chmura

Abstention: Parrella

Motion to approve with above addition Luck

Second Chmura

In favor: All

III. AS INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

A. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Northfield Commons, Inc., application for use of Inland-Wetlands and Watercourses, description of proposed activity for construction and grading within a regulated upland review area and installation of a storm and water outlet structure within a wetland.
 - a) CME Associated Letter of Transmittal, dated June 27, 2006, regarding Northfield Commons dates June28, 2006.
 - b) CME Associates Site Development Plan – Proposed Additional Units, prepared for Northfield Commons, Inc., Rev. 1, dated 06/26/2006, Wetlands Re-submission.

Matt Calvert reviewed these plans for us.

Gene expressed concerns about impact on “Lake George” and Washington Park. Staff pointed out that the

1. The proposed “easement” must be in place before the committee could accept the plans
2. The discussed maintenance program for the existing detention basin needs to be written into the plans
3. The sheets showing the drainage areas should be incorporated into the committees copies of the plans as well as before and after topographical information - preferably on separate sheets
4. plans should be drawn incorporating “footing drains”

Application was considered to be incomplete.

Application was withdrawn by Matt Calvert.

B. PERMIT EXTENSIONS/MODIFICATIONS

NONE

C. REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY WETLANDS

NONE

D. COMMUNICATIONS

Carl presented the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection’s *Inland wetlands and Watercourses Model Municipal Regulations* (Fourth Edition) 006. He recommends that the commission consider adopting this model (possibly with minor modifications)

This item should be on the August agenda

E. MEETINGS

NONE

F. AIR MANAGEMENT

NONE

IV. AS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A. WATER QUALITY

Water Quality – Septic Systems – Gene told us that there are still a number of septic systems in the city and that if anyone notices any overflow problems they should notify Groton City Utilities

B. AIR QUALITY

Air Quality – blowing dirt problem at EB Gene has asked Carl to call EB about this.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

Flyer entitled Water Watch published by Woodard and Curran

(<http://www.woodardcurran.com>) was shared. Gene would like to have colored copied made for commission.

D. OTHER ITEMS

NONE

V. ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Motioned: Luck

Seconded: Valente

Decision: Passed unanimously

Eugene Chmura Chairperson

K. Valente Secretary