

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM
New Hartford Town Hall
530 Main Street, New Hartford, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Karl Hermonat, Lou Moscaritolo, Nancy Shroeder Perez, Gerald Tabaka, and Steve Unger; Inland Wetlands Officer Mike Lucas.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The meeting was recorded digitally and copies are available through Town Hall.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

2. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

None.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS:

A. PNL Nutmeg, LLC, Daniel S. Levitan – Map 044 – Block 013 – Lot 17A – 283 Main Street – Parking Lot Expansion Outside of Upland Review Distance (126' From Disturbed Area to Watercourse. Discharge of Storm Water to Watercourse with Pretreatment by use of Water Quality Unit.)

Professional Engineer Ozzie Torres of Meehan and Goodin appeared before the Commission regarding this application. Mr. Torres reviewed a set of drawings dated 10-18-19 that included a Property Boundary Survey/Topographic Survey, Demolition Plan, Layout Plan, Grading and Utility Plan. He noted that the lot is 22 acres. Mr. Torres referred to the area of wetlands on the parcel and the existing watercourse running along the southerly side of the parcel, heading towards the Farmington River, and crossing under Route 44. He noted that the closest the work will be is to a manhole, located 126' from the river. He also noted that the area of disturbance is approximately 390' to the existing wetlands. He explained that there will be additional parking added to create two racks of parking with the construction encompassing about .4 acres, netting an additional 86 spaces on the parcel. Mr. Torres noted that the water drains northerly toward Route 44 to an existing swale.

The underground storage system was then described. Mr. Torres explained that some water will be recharged at the bottom of the chambers as well as some of the water being detained within the chambers. He reported that no more than the existing amount of water will be discharged into the Farmington River. The drainage calculations have been submitted to the Town's consulting engineer and there were comments exchanged back and forth, according to Mr. Torres. The commission was provided with a letter from Professional Engineer Todd Parsons of Lenard Engineering, dated November 4, 2019, regarding this proposal. Mr. Torres reported having submitted to Mr. Parsons the maintenance plan, details on the isolater row, and more information on the perforated pipe that is part of the system.

Mr. Torres reported that there would be no increase in runoff. He noted that the proposal includes new additional catch basins with hoods on them to trap the heavy materials that fall.

He reviewed the method by which the water will be filtered before the eventual discharge into the river.

Ms. Hall questioned the life expectancy and maintenance program for the water quality unit. Mr. Torres noted that it is a simple system so long as the unit is maintained. He noted that the recommendation is for the system to be checked, cleaned and maintained two to three times per year. He noted that there is a step-by-step maintenance report whereby every item must be checked and marked off, especially to verify that no silt has built up at the bottom of the unit. Additionally, Mr. Torres noted that the system should be inspected/cleaned immediately following a major storm. He explained that the manufacturer provides the cleaning tool, a walking sprayer, that is unique for this unit.

Ms. Hall questioned whether these systems have been used in Connecticut. Mr. Torres confirmed, noting that they are located as part of many larger parking lots such as the UCONN facility in Farmington which uses hundreds of these types of units.

Ms. Schroeder Perez questioned what assurance the Town will receive that the system is maintained. Mr. Torres noted that the Town can insist on copies of their maintenance reports. Mr. Lucas agreed to forward to the Commission the maintenance schedule that was included as part of this proposal.

Mr. Unger questioned where the reports are submitted. Mr. Torres explained that the reports are for the benefit of the owner. Mr. Unger shared his surprise that there was no reporting requirement for the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Mr. Torres reported that DEEP relies upon local municipalities, either engineering departments or wetlands commissions, to govern these. Mr. Torres explained that this is a relatively small parking lot

Mr. Hermonat questioned whether the cold temperatures affect the function of this system. Mr. Torres noted that they do not, explaining that the water at this level does not freeze as it will be moving.

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder Perez, Ms. Hall second, to accept Application in the matter of PNL Nutmeg, LLC, Daniel S. Levitan – Map 044 – Block 013 – Lot 17A – 283 Main Street – Parking Lot Expansion Outside of Upland Review Distance (126' From Disturbed Area to Watercourse. Discharge of Storm Water to Watercourse with Pretreatment by use of Water Quality Unit.), finding the proposed activity as not significant; unanimously approved.

Ms. Schroeder Perez reported that her daughter is a tenant in the building at the aforementioned parcel, as an operator of a dancing school, but indicated that she believes it not to be a conflict.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

5. MEETING MINUTES – October 2, 2019:

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Unger second, to approve the October 2, 2019 Minutes; Motion passed with Mr. Hall, Ms. Hall, Mr. Hermonat, Mr. Moscaritolo, and Mr. Unger voting aye while Ms. Schroeder Perez abstained.

6. INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER'S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Lucas reminded the Commission that the annual meeting of CACIWC is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2019.

A discussion ensued regarding this Commission appointing a vice chairman. No action was taken.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MOTION: Ms. Hall, Mr. Moscaritolo second, to adjourn at 7:40PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,
Pamela A. Colombie
Recording Clerk**