

TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2024

Board Members Present: Co-Chair Diane Dreier, Co-Chair Phyllis Bock, Gerardo Carfagno, Minnie Dineen-Carey, Lisa Rodriguez,

Diane Dreier called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting took place in Town Hall Board Room.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: August 7, 2024

Communications Received: Justin Pruyne has resigned from the Conservation Board

Chairpersons Report: None

Reports from Other Committees: None

1. 401 East Main Street

Rich Mc Hale, owner and Brian Hildenbrand PE appeared to discuss the redevelopment of 401 East Main St, Jefferson Valley, with a proposal to erect a small office building with adjacent parking on the site. The site is bounded by a channeled stream on the west that flows down from Osceola Heights and discharges into Lake Osceola at the rear of the property. The owner has indicated that the office will serve as headquarters for a moving company that will have small trucks and vans parked on site, in addition to employee vehicles.

Due to the proximity of the stream and the lake, and the location of much of the property in the stream buffer, the Conservation Board advises that extra measures be taken to address stormwater runoff and pollution control from vehicles parked on the site. We discussed the use of pervious pavers for some of the parking spaces, and the installation of a rain garden in the greenspace nearest the stream.

2. 2991 Hickory Street

The board discussed the tree permit and MS4 Stormwater Permit application submitted by Louis Panny to build a new home at 2991 Hickory St., Yorktown Heights. Applicant is removing 32 trees, 29 are protected trees and 3 are specimen. Mr. Panny is requesting information on mitigation and next steps.

The Board recommends the applicant determine with a qualified arborist any dead, dying or invasive trees of the 32 trees to be removed. Removal of dead and diseased trees are permitted by the tree ordinance and should be removed. This will aid in determining the required mitigation.

Applicant should seek review from the Tree Commission.

In collaboration, with the Tree Commission mitigation will be determined.

3. Alden Road – Tree Permit

The board discussed the tree permit application submitted by Richard Colandrino for Alden Road, Yorktown Heights. Applicant wants to remove 3 trees, 1 is a protected tree and 2 are specimen. Mr. Colandrino informed us the trees are hanging over the property line and could be a hazard to his home. One specimen tree could be diseased.

The Board recommends the applicant determine with a qualified arborist the state of the one specimen tree. Board asked can the other specimen tree be trimmed to reduce the hazard. Mr. Colandrino said he would investigate.

The Board informed Mr. Colandrino, according to the tree ordinance 10 protect trees can be removed in a calendar tree without a tree permit. The remaining tree can be removed without a permit.

Mr. Colandrino should seek review from the Tree Commission if after investigation he wants to remove the two specimen trees.

Mitigation will be required for the removal of the specimen trees

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 pm with a motion from Diane Dreier with a second from Minnie Dineen-Carey.