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ENFIELD AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
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THURSDAY, May 27, 2021 – 7:00PM
ENFIELD TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
820 ENFIELD STREET - ENFIELD, CT

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

Commissioner Higley took the roll and present were Commissioners Nelson Correia, Ken Nelson, Frank Alaimo, Virginia Higley and Vinnie Grillo. Absent were Commissioners John Petronella, Richard Szewczak and Mary Scutt.

Also present was Jennifer Pacacha, Assistant Town Planner.

Chairman Nelson seated Alternate Commissioners Grillo and Correia for the absent Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes: October 24, 2019

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Alaimo, to approve the minutes for October 24, 2019.

The motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Votes: 5-0-0

Public Participation

Chairman Nelson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak; no one came forward.

New Business

- a. ARA#009 - 79 Enfield Street- Aquifer Registration application for Used Tire Maxx to operate a general repair facility located over the A-43 aquifer. Applicant-Moshe Ronen, Map035/Lot0217, BL Zone

Moshe Ronen stated that the proposed business will consist of very light motor repair and the sale of used tires. He stated that he put a lot of money into the building and it is a clean and neighbor-friendly operation. Mr. Ronen stated that he is very experienced at running a good automotive business.

Commissioner Higley asked if there is an oil separator in the building, to which Mr. Ronen replied that they have no fluid or hazardous waste with the exception of hydraulic oil to maintain the lifts.

Commissioner Alaimo asked about the process for the used tires. Mr. Ronen stated that they buy tires through brokers from all over the world. He stated that they shine the tires and inspect them prior to mounting, balancing and selling them. Mr. Ronen stated that they are very transparent and encourage the customers to look at the tires before they purchase them.

Chairman Nelson asked what type of repairs will be performed. Mr. Ronen stated that they will do brakes, mufflers, front end work, alignment and other work under the car with no fluid involved. He stated that they do not get involved with rear ends or transmissions.

Chairman Nelson asked what will be done with the brake fluid. Mr. Ronen stated that they do not flush the brakes or touch the brake fluid and only top it off. Chairman Nelson pointed out that the bleeders must be opened to let the brake fluid out. Mr. Ronen stated that the fluid goes into a container and then goes back into the vehicle. He stated that it is all self-contained and there is no fluid.

Chairman Nelson asked how many used tires are in the facility at a time, to which Mr. Ronen replied that there are about 500. Chairman Nelson asked where the old tires coming off of the customers' cars are stored. Mr. Ronen explained that he bought a small storage trailer which was approved of by all of the neighbors and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). He stated that an environmentally licensed company comes once a week to dispose of the tires. Mr. Ronen stated that it is his priority to keep the business clean and safe.

Chairman Nelson asked if this has passed the ZBA. Ms. Pacacha stated that the ZBA approved the business and Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Rachele is taking care of the approvals for the outdoor pod.

Chairman Nelson asked if the building is water sprinklered, to which Mr. Ronen replied that it is.

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Alaimo, to approve ARA #009.

The motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Votes: 5-0-0

- b. XARA#21-07 - 77 Town Farm Road- Aquifer Registration for the Town of Enfield's Transfer Station located over the A-82 aquifer. Applicant-Town of Enfield (Donald Nunes), Map071/Lot0003, R-88 Zone

Commissioner Higley took the roll and present were Commissioners Nelson Correia, Ken Nelson, Frank Alaimo, Virginia Higley and Vinnie Grillo. Absent were Commissioners John Petronella, Richard Szewczak and Mary Scutt.

Director of Public Works Donald Nunes and Marek Kement from Barton & Loguidice addressed the Commission.

Mr. Nunes described some of the proposed improvements to the transfer station on Town Farm Road. Mr. Kement presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission to illustrate the current conditions and planned improvements to the transfer station.

Mr. Kement stated that they are providing a septic system, which is outside of the aquifer protection area. He went on to point out the proposed water line as well as the location for the stormwater management detention area.

Mr. Kement stated that the area will be protected with a chain link fence and gate so no one can access it.

Chairman Nelson asked why the free mulch pile onsite is inside the fence so that people are locked out from accessing it. Mr. Nunes explained that they have had some theft out there so they protect it.

Commissioner Alaimo asked if a new road will bypass the scales for the residents to go to the dumpsters. Mr. Kement utilized the site map to illustrate where vehicles will enter the site, unload and exit.

Commissioner Alaimo asked if the annual dump permit is still required. Mr. Nunes stated that it is for \$5 and that residents do not need a permit to dump cardboard.

Chairman Nelson asked how they will monitor refrigerators and air conditioners since they will be going into the same area. Mr. Nunes stated that the scale house is built for two so they will be able to monitor people.

Chairman Nelson asked if everything is being shifted more toward the containers. Mr. Nunes utilized the site plan to display where the existing containers are onsite and where they will be relocated to.

Chairman Nelson asked if the original scale is being moved. Mr. Kement utilized the site plan to display where the scale is being moved to and where the secondary scale will be located.

Chairman Nelson stated that this is a huge step and will definitely improve things at the transfer station.

Mr. Nunes stated that they have a generator for backup power.

Commissioner Alaimo asked if the secondary scale will be used only when they are busy. Mr. Nunes stated that they will have to figure out the best operating procedures as they go.

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grillo, to approve XARA #21-07-77.

The motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Votes: 5-0-0

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Alaimo, to adjourn.

The motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Votes: 5-0-0

Prepared by: Elizabeth Bouley

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Szewczak, Secretary