



Town of Middletown Planning Department

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To: Paul A. Croce, Chair
Planning Board members

From: Ron Wolanski, Town Planner

Date: August 3, 2021

Re: Request of the Zoning Board of Review for an advisory recommendation on the petition of Acacia Newport, LLC, Aryn Hawks, applicant, for special use permit to allow an addition to an existing residential dwelling located in Zone 1 of the Watershed Protection District. Property located at 32 Acacia Dr. South, Plat 109NE, Lot 178.

The applicant has filed an application for a special use permit to allow for construction of several additions to an existing dwelling partially located in Watershed Protection District, Zone 1. A portion of the proposed additions are located in Zone 1. Much of the subject property is located within 200 feet of Green End Pond, which is part of the public drinking water supply system. The plan also calls for discontinuing use and removal or abandonment of the existing septic system. The dwelling would be served by a private force main sewer service, which connects to the public sewer main at Bliss Mine Road. Installation of a rain garden stormwater BMP is also proposed. Please see the attached plans submitted with the petition.

In reviewing this application and providing an advisory opinion to the Zoning Board of Review, the Planning Board should consider the potential impacts of the proposed development on the watershed.

The following development design standards are required by Zoning Ordinance Section 1108:

1. Surface water runoff shall, to the degree feasible, be directed towards areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration; and
2. Where the premises are partially outside of the WPD, site design shall, to the degree feasible, locate such potential pollution sources as Individual Sewage Disposal Systems outside of the District; and
3. Surface water runoff shall be directed, to the degree feasible, towards the lesser restricted district where the premises is located within two (2) or more districts.

Regarding these standards:

1. The applicant should be asked to describe how storm water on the property will be addressed. The owner is required to comply with the provisions of the town's storm water management ordinance (Chapter 153), and construction site runoff and erosion control ordinance (Chapter 151).
2. The applicant should be asked to describe any potential sources of pollution existing or proposed on the property.
3. The applicant should be asked to describe how surface water will be directed away from Zone 1 if possible.

If the Board chooses to move forward with providing a positive recommendation to the Zoning Board of Review, based on my review of the application materials and the requirements of Article 11, the board should consider the following conditions:

1. The builder is required to comply with the provisions of the town's storm water management ordinance (Chapter 153), and construction site runoff and erosion control (Chapter 151). The use of pervious paving and other methods to promote infiltration of storm runoff should be considered as means of meeting the requirements of Chapter 153.
2. The use of lawn chemicals, fertilizers, and other chemicals with the potential to adversely impact ground and surface water quality shall be prohibited within Watershed Protection District, Zone 1.

Please contact me with any concerns.

CC: Applicant
Building/Zoning Official
Conservation Commission