

Minutes of the Special and Organizational Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on January 11, 2012.

A. Roll Call

Present: Alan Cegan, Cathy Collins, Ken Cowden, Michael DeGrego, John Higgins, Sally Lee, Richard Lutz, Justin Margeson and Steve Munson.

Absent: Jim Connors.

Streit called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Organizational Meeting

Streit called for nominations for Chairman: A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Higgins to nominate Collins Chairman. There being no further nominations, they were closed. Streit cast one vote deeming Collins Chairman.

Collins called for nominations for Vice Chairman: A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Margeson to nominate Higgins Vice Chairman. There being no further nominations, they were closed. Streit cast one vote deeming Higgins Vice Chairman.

Collins called for nominations for Parliamentarian: A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Higgins to nominate Cegan Parliamentarian. There being no further nominations, they were closed. Streit cast one vote deeming Cegan Parliamentarian.

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Margeson that the Compliance Officer acts as the Designated Agent for the Agency. The motion carried unanimously. MaryRose's resume is on file in the Agency office.

Collins deemed DeGrego the voting alternate and encouraged the board to read Section 1.1 of the Regulations which is taken from the enabling statute and to read the whole document to re-familiarize themselves with the Regulations. Section 1/1 is what the Legislature intended when creating the Inland Wetland Agencies; a balance of rights of property owners and nature for this and future generations. Section 10 is the Criteria to be used in making decisions on applications.

D. Public Comments

None.

E. Old Business

1. **IW-V-11-023: Westmoor Road, Field & Son Builders, LLC** – clearing in and within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed without a permit. Mitigation ongoing.

There is no action required from the Agency at this time.

2. **IW-V-11-049L 945 North Street, Barretta Realty Associates, LLC** – storage of wood, material and debris within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed without a permit.

There is no action required from the Agency at this time.

3. **IW-A-11-055: 134 Old Gate Lane, Gus Grigoriadis** – proposed neighborhood restaurant with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Gus Grigoriadis for construction of a restaurant, parking and associated stormwater improvements within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed. This is a 1.45 acre parcel with 0.07 acres of Inland wetlands and 0.38 acres of Tidal wetlands. The proposed new construction is 43' from the wetland line at the closest point. The site has been used as a material storage yard. Jeff Gordan of Codespoti & Associates was in attendance to present the project and answer your questions.

Gordan oriented the site plan and reviewed sheet SP1; the Inland Wetland and Tidal Wetland lines as well as the flood lines. A 4,000 sq. ft. building is proposed with a partial basement and partial 2nd floor for storage. This is at the end of the watershed so there is no detention plan. Best management practices are being used; water separators and a bio-filtration basin along the streetscape. Gordan reviewed Sheet SP3. This is a very flat site. There will be sand filters and plantings with an overflow to a catch basin then to a pipe and out to the Western portion of the site. S & E controls and silt fence location was reviewed. Sheet SP7 was reviewed; the planting plan for inside the basin and the details of the sand filter system. Signage is proposed by the pond and the maintenance plan is shown on the plans. Otto Theall delineated the wetlands and his report was submitted with the plans. Calculations were done by Bob Wheway and reviewed by the City Engineer.

Lutz asked what the depth of the basin is. Gordan stated that the invert is 13 and parking is 20, but the actual hard surface bottom is 2'; much like a septic system. Lutz asked if this system would freeze. Gordan stated that there is no frost below 2'; if it fills up more than 1', it will go into the catch basin. Lutz asked what the capacity was. Gordan stated that this was in the drainage report and per the

Engineer he calculated the volume of all of the parking and roof at 1,977 cu ft for the first flush or first inch of run off to cleanse before entering the resource.

Munson questioned using pervious surfaces where possible. Gordan stated that this would not be for this site; he was using an example of best practices and referenced the Subway parking lot. DeGrego clarified that there would not be pervious concrete used on this site. Gordan stated that that was correct.

MaryRose asked about invasives. Gordan stated that there is no plan to go beyond the site fencing but they will clean from the invasives forward.

Munson asked about the total impervious surface on site. Gordan stated 24,645 sq. ft or approximately ½ acre. The intent is to filter out the more frequent storms.

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Munson to hold a site walk for this application on 1/17/12 at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. IW-A-11-057: 277 Wheelers Farm Road, Robert and Tina Santillo** – after the fact permitting of existing house, decks, pool, shed and pond within 150’ of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed.
This item was on the agenda for the first time on 1/4/12 and can be heard at the 1/18/12 meeting.

F. Minutes

A motion was made by Higgins, seconded by Lee to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (1/4/12) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Committee Reports

- Bylaws, Regulations & Procedures committee. (Justin, Al, Steve) No report.
- Communications & Education committee. (Cathy, Jim, Michael) No report.
- Commissioners’ Training committee. (Ken, Jon, Sally) No report.

H. Staff Report

The Milford Code of Ethics from the Code or Ordinances, a copy of “*A Citizens guide to the Ethics Commission*”, an excerpt from the Book “What’s Legally Required” 2004, and a 1992 memo that was issued by the City Attorney’s office on the *Carr v Bridgewater case* was distributed. Please read or reread the information and if you have any questions please let MaryRose know.

Also distributed was a synopsis of Commissioner Experience. Please make any corrections and return it to the office and it will be updated. The purpose of the synopsis is so that other Commission members and applicants will know what areas of expertise of the members are.

West Ave Sewer Fucci Construction waiting on an asbuilt.

East Broadway pump station project is wrapping up.

East Broadway interceptor complete waiting on an asbuilt.

Subway parking lot expansion is ongoing.

West Avenue and Gulf Pond pump station projects are ongoing.

Indian River Interceptor is ongoing.

Prospect Falls is ongoing, the plantings are in and the 1st mitigation report has been received.

Westmoor Road lots are ongoing.

Please remember to call or email the office if you are unable to attend a meeting.

I. Chairman's Report

Please update the Commissioner's Synopsis.

The next meeting will be a site walk at 134 Old Gate Lane on Tuesday, 1/17/12 at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be on 1/18/12 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.