

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on March 17, 2010.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, John Higgins, Eric Karlsen, Joel Levitz, Steve Munson and Phil Fulco.

Absent: Alan Cegan and Lynne McNamee.

Fulco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed Collins the voting alternate.

**B. Pledge**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Public Comments**

None.

**D. New Business**

- 1. Application IW-10-005: 990 Naugatuck Avenue, Recycling Inc.** – proposed construction of a 45,000 sq. ft. recycling and volume reduction facility with stormwater improvements within 100 ft. of the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Recycling Inc. for a recycling and volume reduction facility at 990 Naugatuck Avenue with work proposed within 100' of the Housatonic River. The proposal calls for the renovation of existing structures on the parcel, the installation of stormwater improvements including the installation of 2-infiltration systems and creation of a detention basin. Manny Silva of Rose Tiso was present to review the project, Tom Lynch of Lynch, Trembicki & Boyton of Recycling Inc. was also present.

Silva reviewed the plans and oriented the site. They are proposing drainage improvements and repair work within 100' of the river. Sheet P-2 was reviewed – the drainage conditions were reviewed. There are some existing fuel tanks on site. Per the DEP they are structurally sound; they are all empty with one partially full. They are waiting for direction from the DEP as to what can be done with them.

The proposed project will have a 30% reduction in impervious surface. The proposed infiltration system was reviewed as well as catch basins. Underground stormwater storage has been added to hold 16,000 cu. Sq. ft. of water. This has been calculated for the first 1" of water per rainstorm. The first treatment is the vortechnic system; the second treatment is the swale. This is a 4 bay and seeded with wetland type grass with a level spreader. The current conditions are that the water just sheet flows into

the river. All of the proposed catch basins are to be hooded. The S & E control measures were reviewed; the silt fencing was reviewed and there will be a temporary sedimentation structure during construction. The site is stabilized now due to the pavement. The landscaping plan was reviewed. There will be a meadow mix along the river, screening trees along the north of the property. There will be a 65' landscape buffer between this property and Caswell Cove. Islands in the parking area are proposed where none exist now. SP6 detail sheet was reviewed – the sanitary sewer, sidewalk, vortech unit and tree planting.

Fulco asked about the existing tanks. Silva stated that their fate lies within the DEP; there is currently a containment berm around the tanks. Fulco asked about the 30% reduction in impervious area. Silva reviewed this and stated that the 65' buffer and landscaping is most of this. Fulco asked if any of the existing drainage is to be used. Silva stated that it is not and all of it would be removed. Fulco asked about the roof drainage. Silva stated that it would go to the nearest proposed catch basin. This was reviewed on the plans. Levitz asked about snow storage. Silva stated that some new landscape areas have been created and these locations were reviewed on the plans. Snow could be stored on a paved area away from the river.

MaryRose stated that there are several items of additional information necessary in order to review this proposal including:

- The Soil Scientist has not signed a copy of the plans.
- The Regulations require that the plans be sealed by a Surveyor licensed in the State of CT.
- The plans are based on previous surveys of the site. On sheet SP-0 there is an unlabeled dotted line on the Southwestern portion of the site adjacent to the Housatonic River along elevation 13'. In the key of that map it notes that the dotted line is a wetland line. William Kenny does not note that area as wetlands in his report, he notes an area to the Northwest of the property as tidal wetlands and it is unclear who may have flagged the southwestern wetland and when it was flagged.
- On Sheet Sp-3 the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation control plan item #7 references outdated State guidelines. The reference should be the 2002 CT Guidelines for Erosion and Sedimentation Control.
  - The Silt fence detail does not include how to join silt fences.
  - There are no details on installation and maintenance of the siltsacks proposed for the catch basins and manholes
  - There are no details on the catch basins.
  - The construction entrance shown on the plan does not meet the specifications of the detail shown on the plans
  - There are no details or maintenance plans on the swirl concentration units proposed on the site.

- There are no details or maintenance plans on the proposed galleries/infiltration systems. No access ports or cleanouts are shown for these systems.
- There is no sequence of construction on the plans.
- The Site Engineering Design Report states on page 2 that there is only one drainage area on the site –labeled DA 1. On page 4 of that report DA 1 and DA 2 are added and compared when calculating a reduction in post development discharge.
- Item #7 of the application does not list CT-DOT as an adjoining property owner.

These items should be addressed prior to any further action on this application.

Silva stated that they have no problems with any of these items.

Fulco asked about the bulk head by the river. Silva stated that this is existing and reviewed this on the plans. MaryRose stated that there are other recycling facilities in Milford and there are windblown issues. Silva stated that the proposed facility is completely enclosed. Silva reviewed that product comes in, it is sorted and product is sent out. Levitz asked about debris in the river. Silva stated that the DEP regulates the movement of product over the river. Cowden asked about if a load came in and there is not enough room or it is near closing time and he is concerned with a buildup of material. Silva explained that there are permits for certain tonnage and they have to report and log product that is coming and they cannot go over what is allowed and there is a balance sheet of intake and output and this must be zero.

No action taken.

**2. Application IW-A-10-006: West River Street** – proposed filling of 173 sq. ft. of wetlands for the construction of a single family home and driveway with the creation of 400 sq. ft. of wetlands in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Buddy Field for a single family home and driveway on a rear lot on West River Street with the filling of 173 sq. ft. of wetlands including the piping of a drainage swale for the access driveway. Mr. Field has proposed 400 sq. ft of wetland creation on the Northwest corner of Lot 4 as mitigation for the extension of the 16” pipe and filling for the driveway. The gravel driveway as shown on the plans exists from West River Street the rear of the house on Lot 3. Mr. Field was present to review the proposal.

Field stated that he lives on the property and there is an open field where the house is proposed. He would like to give the driveway a straight line of sight so that new owners of 957 will not be impacted by the driveway location. He plans on keeping the trees I the rear and he will live in the house on the rear lot. He plans on extending the 16” pipe. MaryRose explained that 10 years ago Mr. Field did a 4 lot subdivision and Planning and Zoning did not approve this and he built a 3 lot subdivision. This is the fourth lot. MIWA approved a 4 lot subdivision. This property abuts Eisenhower Park. The driveway area was reviewed and it will have a natural buffer. Munson

asked if the driveway would be gravel or paved. Field stated that it would be gravel. Levitz asked about the conditions of the wetlands. MaryRose stated that it is a drainage swale.

After some discussion, the following motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cowden:

Mr. Chairman, I feel that a Public Hearing regarding application IW-A-10-006: West River Street, lot 4 would be in the public interest. I move that a Public Hearing be scheduled for April 7, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Minutes**

A motion was made by Levitz, seconded by Connors to accept the minutes of the 3/3/10 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **F. Subcommittee Reports**

There is a proposed Bylaws and Regulations subcommittee meeting on 4/7/10.

#### **G. Staff Report**

- Room A will be moved upstairs as of 3/22/10. The Room is on the West Main Street side of the second floor across from the Personnel Office. Signs will be put up for the April meetings.
- The Spring training dates were emailed for DEP Commissioner Training. Please respond quickly with the dates that you would like to attend as training in our area fills up quickly.
- The synopsis of Commissioner Experience was emailed. Please submit any revisions or changes.
- The Southwest Conservation District is having its annual plant sale – Flyers are available for those that are interested. Orders must be received by April 11<sup>th</sup> and delivery will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The NOFA is sponsoring a homeowner's workshop this Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 until 12 at the Milford Public Library.
- Please remember to call or email the office if you are unable to attend a meeting.

**H. Chairman's Report**

- There is a NOFA workshop in Orange on 3/22/10 as well.
- The next meeting will be on 4/7/10 and it will be a Public Hearing.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.