

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on May 18, 2011.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Al Cegan, Cathy Collins. Michael DeGrego, Justin Margeson, Lynne McNamee and Steve Munson.

Absent: Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, John Higgins, Sally Lee and Joel Levitz.

McNamee called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed DeGrego and Margeson the voting alternates.

**B. Pledge**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Public Comments**

- Theresa Burns, 87 Atwater Street, wanted to discuss the Westmoor building proposal and submitted a petition from the neighbors that would be impacted. She referenced the City of Milford geographic information system's Westmoor Road neighborhood map of 4/5/11 and that the whole project is in wetlands area and that it seems that fill would be filling in wetlands. Pictures of the area taken today and on Sunday were submitted.

Shannon Cleary, 95 Atwater Street, submitted pictures of the wetland area showing wetland marker numbers and asked if there was any information received from Hartford.

MaryRose stated that there is not. McNamee stated that due to the approval and the appeal period being expired nothing can be done unless there is information/response from the DEP and the City Attorney.

MaryRose stated that once the appeal period expires it cannot be reopened if nothing has changed.

Robert Cleary, 95 Atwater Street asked if the builder would have to get a permit for each house. MaryRose stated that one house and a roadway were approved by the MIWA.

- Ed Mead, 67 Peak Avenue, Liaison of Planning and Zoning, stated that the plan of conservation is being redone. Stormwater protection is addressed and impervious driveways are common but there is no information on pervious like that of Subway and he would like any input or comments regarding this. MaryRose stated that Ms. Shaw and Mr. Vetter of Planning and Zoning are sending letters to other board chairmen and are looking to meet and discuss this. McNamee asked about the timing. Mead stated that input must be submitted by December 2011 for the plan to be complete by December 2012.

**D. New Business**

1. **IW-JR-11-019: 1414 New Haven Avenue, Douglas Knapp** – proposed 10' x 12' shed within 100' of a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Douglas Knapp for a 10' X 12' shed on his property at 1414 New Haven Avenue. As you can see from the sketch Mr. Knapp submitted, this is a large but irregularly shaped lot. The house is located adjacent to New Haven Avenue and there is a 17' grade change from New Haven Avenue to the wetlands at the rear of the property. The topography of the site and shape of the parcel leaves very few locations for a shed. Mr. Knapp has proposed his shed approximately 28' from the wetland line on the property. You can see the proposed shed location on the photo sheet. The photos were taken April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Knapp was present to answer any questions. Collins asked how the property was today with all of the rain. Knapp stated that maybe there was some wet area today but there is no standing water usually. MaryRose stated that the house was downsized for approval and a shed is needed and feels this is a reasonable request and there is no other possible location.

The following motion was made by Collins, seconded by Cegan:  
Madam Chairwoman, I move that the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-11-019, 1414 New Haven Av for the construction of a 10' X 12' shed as shown on the drawing in the file. *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses*" That is my motion

The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Minutes**

The minutes of 5/4/11 were discussed. McNamee referenced the first page item C. and wanted to add that the appeal period expired on 3/19/11. Also at the top of page 2 to end at .... would be revisited, and add .....public would be notified of outcome – at the end of C. No action taken.

**F. Committee Reports**

Bylaws, Regulations and Procedures – Munson reported that the committee met today at 5:00 p.m. and has made good progress. It is anticipated that 2 or 3 more meetings will be needed. A lot of information is being obtained from the Town of Branford. The next meeting will be on 5/26/11 at 2:00 p.m.

Communication and Education – Collins stated that this committee has not yet met.

Commissioner's Training – No report.

**G. Staff Report**

- Jon Higgins is up and about and thanked the board for their well wishes.

- Pump station projects on West Avenue and at the old Gulf treatment plant should be starting within the next month.
- West Ave Sewer Fucci Construction is ongoing.
- Buckingham Av sewer is complete.
- East Broadway pump station project is ongoing.
- East Broadway interceptor is ongoing.
- Subway parking lot expansion is ongoing.
- Prospect Falls is ongoing.
- Please remember to call or email me if you are unable to attend a meeting.
- More applications are anticipated.
- House Bill 6400 information was distributed. This bill is proposing stormwater plan licensure. Someone can become licensed on stormwater planning and therefore would be considered an expert. This would take away IWA jurisdiction.

#### **H. Chairman's Report**

- Please keep Section 10.2 of the MIWA Regulations handy as a quick reference.

The next regular meeting will be on 6/1/11.

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.

