

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on May 30, 2012 at Way Street.

A. Roll Call

Present: Alan Cegan, Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Jon Higgins, Richard Lutz, Justin Margeson. Steve Munson and Aaron Sanner.

Also Present: Greg Field, Warren Field, Jr. and Otto Theall.

Absent: Michael DeGrego and Sally Lee.

Collins called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins for the IWA to act as a committee as a whole and to adjourn after the last question is answered. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cowden to hear Items B1 – B 4 together. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Old Business

1. **IW-A-12-019: 28 Way Street, Warren Field, Jr.** – proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.
2. **IW-A-12-020: 24 Way Street, Warren Field, Jr.** - proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.
3. **IW-A-12-021: Way Street, BAMF Homes, LLC** - proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.
4. **IW-A-12-022: 20 Way Street, BAMF Homes, LLC** - proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

It was a warm, sunny day. The IWA entered the site at Avery Avenue. MaryRose stated that the Surveyor surveyed the site this afternoon. The IWA wanted to see the site closest to the wetlands first. New drawings were distributed and the distance is 8.2' from the wetlands. Lutz asked if the distances were from the drip lines or from the wetlands. MaryRose stated that both ways have been looked at in the past and that each application is to be heard on its own merit. Greg Field measured off the center line of the road for view. The IWA proceeded

towards the right side of the property line. The majority of the trees on site are to be removed.

The IWA proceeded towards the left front corner of the proposed house/the foundation is the closest point to the wetlands at 8.2' and the house will have a 2' cantilever. This was oriented to the plans. The IWA proceeded towards the rear corner of the proposed house and the corner of the property line as well as the patio area. The area of wetland flag 1 was viewed. A split rail fence is proposed 1-2' in front of the wetland flag.

The IWA proceeded towards the proposed house at 28 Way Street. Buddy Field oriented the meaning of the colored stakes; the orange stakes were the property line, the orange/white stakes were the house foundation, the red with blue paint is the wetlands. The tree viewed with the white paint is to be removed. The back corner of the proposed house verses the wetland line and the property line was viewed. Buddy measured off the patio area from the proposed house for viewing.

Lutz asked how it is determined where the wetlands stop. Otto stated that this is determined by soil types, which take thousands of years to form. A Soil Scientist digs down 20" or so and two characteristics of soil are being looked for; soil color and models/features. This process was reviewed. Lutz stated that there has been a 20' difference with two Soil Scientists and there must be room for judgments. Otto asked if samples were taken and looked at in the sunlight; soils look of different color when under cover and the best time to take samples is between 9am and 3pm. Also, sometimes the color chart is not used. Otto stated that he takes many samples for every flag and some Soil Scientists take less.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.