

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on July 17, 2013.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Cathy Collins, Allen Cegan, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Dave DeFlumeri, Carol Dunn, Lily Flannigan, Richard Lutz, Brendan Magnan and Justin Margeson.

Also Present: Joe Griffith, DPLU Director; Brian Anderson, Alderman; MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit.

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

**B. Pledge**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Public Comments**

None.

**D. New Business**

1. **IW-A-13-033: 211 West River Street, Sydney M. Patchen** – placement of fill to raise a portion of the existing lawn area to the elevation of the residence with work within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this application is on the agenda for the first time and can be heard after 7/31/13...

**E. Old Business**

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

MaryRose reported that she visited the site on 6/28/13 with Otto Theall and she has received his report. The wetland seed mixture and blueberry plants that were required as mitigation are all doing well. There is knotweed growing around the edges of the high density fabric that Mr. Field installed. This is the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 3 year mitigation required by the Agency. The mitigation report has been received and the next report is due by December 2013.

2. **IW-V-11-049: 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.

MaryRose reported that she hopes to meet with Mr. Barretta next week.

3. **IW-V-12-079: 161 Southworth Street, Eric Green, Jr.** – dumping of material and debris without a permit within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that she met with Mr. Green and walked the site on 7/1/13. They have moved the woodchips back in line with the South West Conservation District plan. They will be installing the plantings along the berm by 11/1/13. No action required at this time.

4. **IW-V-13-022: 37 Lakeside Road, Brad Frederick and Britnei Artz** – clear cutting trees and stockpiling material without a permit within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that the IWA required the Fredericks to come in with a plan by 8/21/13. Mrs. Fredericks has stated that she contacted the SWCD. MaryRose has not yet received a letter or report. No action recommended at this time.

5. **IW-A-13-024: 553 West Avenue, Grillo Services, LLC** – proposal for a facility for leaf composting, tree and brush recycling, processing of topsoil, sale of landscaping products and 4 buildings with roads, parking, grading and stormwater improvements in and within 150' of a wetland in the Beaver Brook Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this item will be heard at the continuation of the Public Hearing next week.

6. **IW-A-13-025: 181 Grinnell Street, Vincent Rondinelli** – installation of trap rock and a 6" PVC pipe for drainage improvements and work in and within 100' of a wetland in the Beaver Brook Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is the after the fact application for the installation of trap rock and a 6" PVC drainage pipe at the rear of Mr. Rondinelli's property at 181 Grinnell Street. There is no drainage easement shown on the maps for Mr. Rondinelli's property. Immediately after rain there is some drainage along the rear and side of his property. At some point in the past a drain was installed in Mr. Rondinelli's front yard to carry this water across the street to a former Water company parcel which is now Milford Open space.

At the last meeting the Agency requested that she review the site with the City Engineer. She walked the property with the City Engineer on 7/11. He felt that the property owner's installation of the stone and pipe should have a positive effect on the adjacent property to the north by allowing any stormwater to run through the pipes away from their property. At this time she recommended that

the application be approved. Mr. Rondinelli stated that his next door neighbor that has a full basement and got no water in the big storms we had this year where in the past he has.

The following motion was made by Connors, seconded by Margeson:

Madam Chairwoman, I move that the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for application IW-A-13-025: 181 Grinnell Street for the installation of drainage improvements as shown on the drawing in the file. *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the wetlands and watercourses* That is my motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 7. IW-A-13-014: 121 West Main Street, 121 West Main Street Associates, LLC** – redevelopment to construct two multi-family residential buildings with parking, grading and stormwater improvements in and within 150' of a wetland in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

The Public Hearing for this item is continued to 8/7/13. It was discussed that members of the public could call the IWA office the day of a scheduled hearing to check the status of an application/hearing.

#### **F. Minutes**

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri to accept the minutes from the 6/19/13 and 6/26/13 meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- The DEEP IWA Commissioner continuing education program online class is now up and running. Please let Barbara and MaryRose know if you have not received an email on how to access the class.
- Does everyone have the maps for the previous application on 211 West River St? The applicant had asked that we save the maps to reuse them. He will get us new copies of what you are missing.
- Grove St Pump station and sewer projects are ongoing.
- Indian River Interceptor is out for bid and may start in late August or early September.
- Sanitary Sewer Infill's No. 1 is ongoing they will be working in the Seabreeze & New Haven Avenue area until the end of August.
- Cascade Blvd- Garden homes is ongoing.
- We will be busy with applications for the next several meetings please remember to call or email if you are unable to attend a meeting, especially site walks and public hearings.

**H. Chairwomen's Report**

Read all of your material – homework for the public hearings. Please let MaryRose know if you have any questions so that the applicant will be able to address them at the public hearing.

The next meeting will be a Special meeting and continuation of the West Avenue public hearing on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Conference Room C (next Week). The next Regular meeting is 8/7/13 and will be a continuation of the public hearing on West Main Street.

Margeson noted that there needs to be an election for Vice Chairman. MaryRose will put this on the agenda for the regular meeting on 8/21/13.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.