

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on October 16, 2013.

A. Roll Call

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

Also Present: 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. 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 the next report is due in December 2013. No action.

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.

No action at this time.

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

MaryRose reported that there is no mitigation plan as of yet. The SWCD gave the Frederick's a list of suggested plantings. Collins stated that the property should be stabilized for the winter and can not just go on. Cowden stated that a seed mix could be planted until late in the year; plantings can be put in until the end of November and at least hay bales and silt fence installed for stabilization.

A motion was made by Connor, seconded by Cowden for the Frederick's to submit a planting plan and Sediment and Erosion Control Plan by 11/20/13, conditional upon approval from the MIWA. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. 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 is an after the fact permit to allow fill to remain within 150' of a wetland in the Wepawaug River Watershed. As an after the fact application, the Agency needs to determine if they would have allowed the work had a request been received prior to being done and if allowed, what modifications or conditions, if any, would have been required. At the 10/2/13 meeting, the Agency requested that the City Engineer review the third party quotes for review of the wall by a structural engineer to ensure that the wall and material will not migrate into the wetland.

The City Engineer reviewed the quotes and feels that they will accomplish what we asked for. Both quotes have provisions for cost overruns. Typically, we multiply the quote by 1.5 and return any unused portions to the applicant after the final reports are reviewed. At the last meeting the Agency questioned if the costs of the engineering review were more than building a designed wall that would be structurally sound, keeping material out of the wetland. Mr. Patchen could not be present this evening. A discussion followed; the IWA could require removal of the work done. Munson asked if there were any preference of quotes. MaryRose stated that typically the lowest quote is taken. Lutz suggested requiring the applicants present at the next meeting and if he is not present a ruling would be made without input from the applicant. MaryRose stated that the extension runs out on 11/24/13. No action taken.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to approve the minutes of the 10/2/13 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Staff Report

If anyone is interested in attending the CACIWC Annual Meeting; it will be on Saturday, November 16th in Cromwell. A form has been distributed to sign up for workshops. This meeting is a good chance to get information or a refresher on wetland topics including the latest legal issues from the Attorney General's Office, vernal pools, rain gardens, invasive plants, dam removal and managing suburban streams. There is a vendor/poster area that has some of the new innovations in storm water and erosion control technology, the DEEP brings books from their bookstore and DEEP staff is available. It is an all day event and budgeted for; please let the office know of your attendance as soon as possible so registration can be submitted by Friday.

Grove St. Pump station and sewer projects are ongoing.

Indian River Interceptor on hold, the mitigation plantings are proposed to start at the end of this week.

Sanitary Sewer Infill's No. 1 is ongoing on New Haven Avenue and Dunbar Road.

Cascade Blvd- Garden homes are ongoing.

Way Street started clearing last week.

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

G. Chairwoman's Report

The CACIWC annual meeting has a number of good workshops, if you are able to attend please let the office know. 7 are attending so far.

The next regular meeting will be on 11/6/13.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.