

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on October 17, 2007.

A. Roll Call

Present: Barbara Bell, Allan Cegan, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Joel Levitz, Lynne McNamee, Steve Munson, Bob Nunno and Phil Fulco.

Absent: Scott Koschwitz and Jack O'Connell.

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

B. Public Comments

None.

C. Old Business

1. **Violation IW-V-07-017: 55 Peck Street, Mark & Sylvia Scheets** – clearing and dumping debris within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed without a permit.

MaryRose reported that this item has been tabled and she will be meeting with the Scheets next week. No action taken.

2. **Application IW-A-07-027: Market Place, Jeff Arotsky** – proposed construction of a single family residence and driveway with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal for a single family home to be constructed within 10' of a wetland with a proposed deck within 7' of a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed. The IWA walked the site on 9/28 and 10/3/08. Levitz and O'Connell have not walked the site as of yet. Chris Allen of Land Tech Consultants has been hired to review the wetlands portion of this project and she anticipates having this report by the next meeting. No action taken.

3. **Application IW-A-07-030: 767 Bridgeport Avenue – Stephen Courtney** – proposed construction of a parking lot with paving and grading within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal of Courtney Honda for a parking area with paving and grading within 100' of wetlands in the Housatonic River Watershed. A portion of the area is currently utilized as a dirt parking lot. Mr. Courtney would like to pave and curb the area, leaving a 65' x 20' mulch area around the two Oak trees shown on the plan. He has submitted a letter from Matthew Evans, a Licensed Arborist, stating that the area as shown on the plans is adequate to sustain the health of the Oak trees and that the paved area should be

sloped away from the mulched area. The applicant and his representatives were unable to be present this evening.

Silt sacks verses rip rap was discussed at the last meeting. S & E measures on the western side of the parkway and that the applicant is to submit a bond for the work was also discussed at the last meeting. Bell stated that it was discussed at the last meeting that Bruce Kolwicz requested that this project avoid sending run off to the City catch basins and asked if this has been addressed. MaryRose reported that is has with the City Engineer verbally. Bell stated that this should be followed up with. She further stated that porous pavement was not discussed and she would like it addressed if it can be considered on this project. Connors stated that he does not feel it would be practical on this project as it would have to be plowed. No action taken.

4. **Pre-Application IW-PA-07-040: Marion Avenue, Jeff Attolino** – proposed construction of a single-family residence with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed. MaryRose reported that this is a proposal for a single family house on a 0.6 acre lot on Marion Avenue. Jeff Attolino requested a pre application review of the proposal as sketched on the plans received this evening. The wetlands are in the Housatonic River Watershed. The house being proposed is a slab on grade. Fulco clarified the property lines and that 90% of the site is wetlands. MaryRose confirmed this and reviewed on the plans that the dash line is the building setbacks per Planning & Zoning. McNamee asked if the driveway could be flipped to the other side. Mr. Attolino stated that that would not be a problem. Bell stated that the project is very close to the wetlands and feels that a site visit would be appropriate and due to the probable adverse effect to the wetlands; a full application should be submitted. Nunno stated that he is very familiar with the property; it was on his paper route as a kid and he used to ice skate on the site and he feels that this project should be a full application. MaryRose stated that the applicant is looking for input. Fulco stated that the project is at the end of the street and he can not imagine that there would not be encroachment due to its location; he has a lot of trouble with the site. Mr. Attolino referenced the house across the street and the one next to it. MaryRose stated that they can not consider people who don't obey the law; they can only consider this application. A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cegan that this pre-application be submitted for review as a full application based on the information in the file and presented this evening. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cegan to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Subcommittee Reports

None.

G. Staff Report

- The next regular meeting is on November 7th. Please let the office know of your attendance. It was noted that there will be no meeting the first Wednesday in December due to the holiday. Connors and Levitz noted that they would not be in attendance on 11/7/07.
- The CACIWC flyer was distributed and noted that the annual meeting is on November 10th at Mountainside in Wallingford. Please let the office know if attendance is planned.
- Bell clarified the timeframes of applications noted on the agenda.

H. Staff Report

None.

The next regular meeting will be on 11/7/07.

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.