Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on October 17, 2012.

#### A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Jon Higgins, Richard Lutz and

Justin Margeson.

Also Present: Buddy and Greg Field, Otto Theall and Bob Wheway.

Absent: Alan Cegan, Michael DeGrego, Steve Munson and Aaron Sanner.

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

# B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was taken for the passing of former Chairman John Ludtke.

## 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 inspection for this site is late October/early November there is no action required of the Agency at this time.

**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 there is no new information at this time.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins to hear items D.3 - D.6 together. The motion carried unanimously.

- **3. IW-A-12-063: 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.
- **4. IW-A-12-064: 24 Way Street, Woodstock Development LLC**. Proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.
- **5. IW-A-12-065: 27 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.

**6. IW-A-12-066: 22 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.

MaryRose reported that these four applications are proposals for single family homes on Way Street which is currently a paper street. Buddy Field represents #28 and Woodstock Development for #24 and Greg Field of BAMF homes represents #27 & #22.

The applications propose construction of a roadway and four single family homes, grading, drainage and utility work within the 100' upland review area in the Housatonic River Watershed

- #28 Way street is proposed with work within 17.4' of an inland wetland
- #24 Way street is proposed with work within 55° of an inland wetland
- #27 Way street is proposed with work within 91' of an inland wetland
- #22 Way street is proposed with work within 8.2' of an inland wetland

A Petition was received today with 27 signatures requesting public hearings on these applications. The public hearing should be held before December 7, 2012 or it will be necessary to request an extension of time from the applicants.

Here this evening to present these four applications and answer your questions are: Buddy Field & Greg Field the property owners, Otto Theall of Soil & Wetland Science, and Bob Wheway from Codespoti and Associates.

**Buddy Field** explained the discrepancy in wetlands lines. He felt it was caused by poor timing due to the surveyor not surveying the flags until a month after the Soil Scientist had been on site. To clarify they hired another Soil Scientist, Henry Mueller who basically agreed with Otto's line on his original reports.

Otto Theall, Soil & Wetland Science offices in Norwalk, stated he has done more than 3,100 delineations with SWS and over 1000 with Codespoti & Associates. He did his initial investigation on this site in 2009-2010. He has visited the site numerous times. The wetlands on site are pocket wetlands. He oriented Commissioners to the site using both site plans. He stated that they are proposing to mitigate by installing plantings between the lawn and the wetland areas and fence demarcation.

**Bob Wheway,** Codespoti & Associates stated that this drainage plan is unique for Milford. In an effort to make a green development he is reducing the impervious surface by 20% by decreasing the street from 30' to 24'. It is also unique in using a stone lined swale to allow infiltration into the ground that is tied into a pipe that will take and hold any overflow. This project will not have infiltrators because they are not likely to work well due to the high ground water in the area. The underground detention system has been sized to allow for a zero increase in runoff for these 4 lots and the other potential 4 lots on the paper street.

**Collins** questioned that there are two Soil reports and that Henry Muller was not available to question on his report.

**Otto** discussed the soil report he submitted this evening. He stated that the only thing that has changed from his earlier report is to clarify the line he drew in 2011 agrees with Henry Muller's lines. There was an issue with where the line was

surveyed and staked in the field by the surveyor. Looking at the Map for #27 Way Street on the South side of the road, Henry Muller checked and agreed with his line. Looking at SP-1 on #28 Way Street, the surveyor re-staked the wetland line for the last site walk which was off. His original report shows the line concurring with Henry Muller's line. So the lines are in agreement from both Soil Scientists. Otto stated that they looked at South side lots 36-50, North side 141-152, 159-162 when evaluating the soils.

**MaryRose** clarified that the Agency walked these properties in May for previous applications that were withdrawn.

Lutz had questions on discharge of the 48" pipe; where will it discharge and how that will impact the wetlands. Wheway reviewed the storm system and referenced sheet SP1. He met with the City Engineer and did test pits down 100 – 102" and they were very dry. The bottom was sand and gravel or sand and a hard pan layer. The two wetland pockets are bowls. Otto reviewed the effects of trees and water tables. Tree removal will not affect the water table on this lot and proceeded to review the tree canopies on this site. Buddy stated that he does not plan on cutting trees in the rear on 28 Way Street. Lutz asked about the roadway and its effects on the drainage. Wheway reviewed this and stated that the road will slope north to south and will not have a crown. The road location was reviewed on the plans. Wheway stated that he met with the City Engineer and the Public Works Director regarding this. Wheway further stated that there is no negative impact to the water table with all of the systems proposed.

**Collins** asked about snow removal and if the catch basins would be sufficient for snow melting. Wheway stated that they were.

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

Due to the receipt of a petition with 27 signatures, public hearings be scheduled for applications IW-A-12-063 28 Way Street, IW-A-12-064 24 Way Street, IW-A-12-065: 27 Way Street and IW-A-12-066 22 Way Street. The Public Hearings are scheduled for November 14, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

#### E. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins to accept the minutes of the 10/13/12 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## F. Staff Report

- 17 Settlers Ridge Road-They are proposing to work on these plantings over the next two weekends.
- West Avenue and Gulf Pond pump station projects are ongoing.
- High Street Sewer job is ongoing.
- Indian River Interceptor continues to be on hold. I am meeting with the contractor next week on stabilization of the unvegetated areas of easement for the winter.
- 134 Old Gate Lane the restaurant has started site work.
- Prospect Falls site work is complete; the 2<sup>st</sup> mitigation report has been received.
- Wilson Street is ongoing.
- Westmoor Rd the third house is nearing completion.
- The Devon Revitalization Committee is working on a proposal for Community Garden and Dog Park at Edgemont Field near the Egan center.

- The Fall DEEP Session 3 training dates were emailed to Commissioners before the last meeting and they were in the handouts at the last meeting. For those that are finishing up their Sessions for Certificates please let the office know which session you would like to attend. Additional members may attend as we have funds.
  - Friday October 26 CT Forest & Park Association, Middletown Subject: Vernal Pools
  - 2. Saturday November 3 CT Forest & Park Association, Middletown Subject: Vernal Pools
  - 3. Thursday November 8 DEEP Sessions Woods WMA, Burlington Subject: Stream Macroinvertebrates and Monitoring
  - 4. Wednesday November 14 DEEP Sessions Woods WMA, Burlington Subject: Stream Macroinvertebrates and Monitoring
- The annual CACIWC meeting will be held on November 17, 2012 from 8:30 to 4 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden. The sign-up form and listing of workshops was handed out at the last meeting. This is not a required workshop but if you would like to go for information and training please fill out and return the form to Barbara or MaryRose and you will be registered. A check off sheet was distributed; if you are going to attend please check off the sessions you would like to go to tonight and you will be registered.
- Please remember to call or email if you are unable to attend a meeting.
- There is a gathering for John Ludtke tomorrow evening at Sloppy Jose's from 5:30 until 8:30. Please let Lynne McNamme know if you are going to attend.
- The budget was briefly discussed. The IWA budget is now part of the Permitting and Land Use budget. Training of Commissioners is essential and MaryRose will stress this in the budget process.

## G. Chairman's Report

Please attend the CACIWC meeting and all training sessions.

The next regular meeting will be on November 7, 2012.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit