

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency of November 1, 2006.

A. Roll Call

Present: Barbara Bell, David Casey, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Joe DellaMonica, Bob Nunno and Phil Fulco.

Absent: Allan Cegan, Scott Koschwitz, Steve Munson and Peter Vita.
Comm. Fulco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed Comm.'s Bell and Nunno the voting alternates.

B. Public Comments

None.

C. New Business

1. MIWA Budget for FY2007/2008

MaryRose reported that the budget for 07/08 is due in the Finance Department on 11/9/06. The Mayor has asked that there be no increases in the overall budget. The request for the advertising budget has been increased by \$250.00. The price of printing legal notices has increased and depending on the amount and type of applications, this account may come up short. However, the budget for recording equipment has been removed as it is being purchased this year leaving the total request for 07/08 with a \$2,000.00 decrease.

A motion was made by Comm. Connors, seconded by Comm. DellaMonica to accept the proposed budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Application IW-A-06-065: 187 Plains Road, WDC Milford Assoc. Limited Partnership Corp. – proposed to fill 0.0986 acres of wetlands to construct two hotels and a conference center with construction parking and grading in and within 150' of wetlands in the Beaver Brook Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this application has been withdrawn by the applicant and will be resubmitted at a later date.

D. Old Business

1. Application IW-A-06-055: 180 Melba Street, Point Beach Town Homes, LLC – proposal to demolish and existing structure and construct a 50-unit condominium with construction and grading within 100' of wetlands in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that the 65-day review period for this application will expire before the next meeting and recommended that the application be denied as incomplete.

The following motion was made by Comm. Connors, seconded by Comm. DellaMonica:

Mr. Chairman, after duly considering all relevant factors, I move to deny application IW-A-06-055 as incomplete based on the plans entitled "Proposed Site Development Plans 180 Melba Street, Milford, CT" by Codespoti & Associates, cover and 6 sheets dated 8/30/06 and "180 Melba Street, Milford, CT by Architectural Services, 2 sheets dated 7/27/06 and the information in the file, because there may be feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed activity which has a less adverse impact on the wetlands and watercourses, that the applicant has failed to present as required under MIWA Regulations 7.5e, and 7.5f. Comm. Bell stated that she had some questions on the plans and will wait to see if this application comes back before the MIWA to address them. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Connors, seconded by Comm. Nunno to accept the minutes of 10/5/06 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Subcommittee Reports

Comm. Bell reported on Segment 3 of the DEP training sessions she attended on vegetation mitigation. Field work could not be done due to the weather. She stated that it was discussed with Steve Tessadore that maintenance conditions can not extend the life of a permit and suggested other legal actions such as condo. agreements, etc. Detention basins were also discussed and they are no longer encouraged as they used to be in the past. Stormwater treatments should not be regarded as mitigation unless it is the only mitigation and if they are only hydrological. Detention basins should never be inside wetlands. She further stated that this practice would have impacted several applications.

G. Staff Report

- The Annual CACIWC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th from 8:30 until 4. Please let the office know who will be signing up for this.
- Project status:
 - YMCA mitigation work is complete and is awaiting final inspection.
 - Ryder Woods – waiting for asbuilt with contour.
 - Milford Crossing – under construction.
 - West Avenue Condos. – under construction.
 - Beaver Brook Sewer – pipe is 99% complete, pump station work under construction.
 - Milford Power Housatonic Water Supply – under construction.
 - Milford Market Place – under construction.
- Members whose terms expire this year should let the Mayor's office or the Aldermen know if you are interested in re-appointment. (Comm.'s Bell, Casey, Cegan, DellaMonica and Nunno)

H. Chairman's Report

Comm. Fulco went to a training session on Saturday and was rained out also, but samples were brought in by the presenter. A DEP representative was there also and they are not so much against detention ponds as they don't consider this mitigation. The regulations may be eventually changed. Replacing the value, not just the numbers, on site verses down the road/off site was discussed. The Army Corps. is pushing for a 15 to 1 mitigation federally and there was a discussion on a case by case basis. The DVD Training has 2 years of upgrades to come with it. The IWA is in the process of securing funds for volume 2. This training will not replace the live, physical training but is for enhancement/education.

The next regular meeting is on 11/15/06.

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.