

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on November 20, 2013.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Allen Cegan, Ken Cowden, Dave DeFlumeri, Carol Dunn, Lily Flannigan, Brendan Magnan and Steve Munson.

Absent: Jim Connors, Richard Lutz and Justin Margeson.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit.

Collins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed DeFlumeri and Carol Dunn the voting alternates.

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 this is the June 2011 violation from Field & Son Builders on Westmoor Road. At the time they were doing site clearing for their Westmoor Road project they over cleared in and immediately adjacent to a wetland. At the July 6, 2011 meeting the Agency required that they mitigate by removing the invasive weed Japanese Knotweed and stabilize the area with a dense landscaping fabric, plantings and a conservation mix. The Agency also required that the site be monitored monthly the first year and twice a year for three years. The mitigation work was done in October 2011. She visited the site with Otto Theall and it is stable and the mitigation area is knotweed free, it is adjacent to the area but not in it.

Warren Field requested that the bond be released stating that the site has been monitored regularly and is completely stabilized. Collins stated that based on the CACIWIC meeting, knotweed is very invasive. Field agreed and stated that they have one more lot to build and that they always abide by the IWA and follow through.

MaryRose agreed that knotweed is very invasive and that Otto used a new fabric that seems to be working. Dunn stated that per CACIWIC rhizomes should be removed

and asked if this was done. Field stated that they have removed all that they could without excavating. DeFlumeri asked if the applicant has been responsive in the past. Collins stated that they work well with the IWA. DeFlumeri asked if they would continue to work with the IWA even if the bond is released. Field stated that they would.

The following motion was made by Munson, seconded by Cegan:

I move to allow the Compliance Officer to release this violation upon receipt and review of the fall 2013 mitigation report by Otto Theall. The motion carried unanimously.

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 the site is stable. No action taken at this time.

3. **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 and watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that she walked the property on 11/4/13 with Britnei Frederick and the area seems fairly stable. There is a picture sheet dated 11/4/13 being passed around in addition to the original violation picture sheet dated 4/24/13. At this time there is a question on planting vegetation this late in the season. At the 10/16/13 meeting the Agency required the Fredericks to submit a planting plan in addition to an erosion controls plan by 11/6/13. Conditional on approval of that plan, the plantings and erosion controls were to be installed by 11/20/13. The Frederick's did not come to the 11/6/13 meeting

Mrs. Frederick asked if they could be allowed to plant in the spring when there is a better chance of survival for the plants. They are suggesting 1-2 Maple trees with 20 raspberry or blueberry bushes. Mrs. Frederick is here this evening to discuss the planting plan. The Agency needs to decide this evening if you would like to extend the planting deadline to 12/04 as, or if you would like to extend the mitigation plantings until spring 2014.

Britnei Frederick, 37 Lakeside Road, read in her letter and explained their reasoning on lowering plantings to 10 raspberry bushes. She feels that the area is not huge and is concerned with too many birds coming into the area. She explained why they feel that 2 maple trees are sufficient and that there are a large number of maple plants that exist.

Cowden stated that inches of trees lost should be replaced with a like amount of new native vegetation. He suggested that they add another type of wetland plant to their planting plan like Clethera to diversify their plantings. He proposed that they

have the designed plan submitted to the Agency by 2/19/14 and at that time we would determine when the plants should go in. They could start planting in mid March.

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by DeFlumeri that the Fredericks be required to submit a planting plan in addition to an erosion control plan by 2/19/14. The motion carried unanimously.

4. IW-A-13-060: Terrace Road, Molly Land Co. – proposal for 4 houses and Driveways with work within 100' of wetlands in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal for a 4 houses on Terrace Road in Morningside by Molly Land Company on Lands owned by Dr. Robert Kerin. Last January the Agency reviewed an application and approved the wetland line location as shown on the plans presented this evening. Yesterday, the Agency received a petition with 25 signatures requesting a public hearing for this application. Buddy Field is here this evening to present the application and answer any questions. She recommended that the Agency schedule a site walk for this application.

Warren Field requested a site walk and Public Hearing based on a petition being submitted. MaryRose read the petition; a public hearing was requested due to the potential negative impacts to the wetlands.

Dunn asked about a Habitat Assessment. It was discussed that it was uncertain if one was done as part of the wetland delineation application and that MaryRose would look into this and if one did not exist, Field would have one done.

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Cegan that a site walk be scheduled for this application on Monday, 11/25/13 at 3:45 p.m. and due to the receipt of a petition with 25 signatures, that a Public Hearing be scheduled for 12/18/13. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by DeFlumeri to accept the minutes of the 11/6/13 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Staff Report

- The CACIWC Annual meeting had some good speakers and great information. Copies of some of the handouts were in your mail this evening. PDF's of the presentation will be available on the CACIWC website.
- Grove St Pump station and sewer project is finishing up for the season. They will be back in the spring for final paving and planting.

- Indian River Interceptor will go back out to bid in a few months, the mitigation plantings are in and will be rechecked in the spring.
- Sanitary Sewer Infill's No. 1 is finishing up for the winter on New Haven Avenue and Dunbar Rd. The area has been hydro seeded; final paving will be in the spring.
- Cascade Blvd- Garden homes is ongoing,
- Way Street is ongoing.
- Girl Scout Pool – is ongoing.

Please remember to call or email if unable to attend a meeting.

G. Chairwomen's Report

The next meeting will be a site walk; please dress accordingly.

The next meeting will be a site walk on 11/25/13.

The next regular meeting will be on 12/4/13.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.