

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on December 7, 2011.

A. Roll Call

Present: Alan Cegan, Cathy Collins, Ken Cowden, Michael DeGrego, Justin Margeson, Steve Munson and Lynne McNamee.

Also Present: Ed Mead, Planning & Zoning.

Absent: Jim Connors, Jon Higgins and Sally Lee.

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

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.

D. Old Business

- 1. IW-V-11-023: Westmoor Road, Field & 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 violation on Westmoor Road. We have received the first of the 8 required status reports on the mitigation. We can expect the next report in January. There is no action required of the Agency at this time.

- 2. IWA-V-11-049: 945 North Street, Baretta 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 this is the violation she issued to Chris & Richard Barretta of Barretta Realty Associates, the property owner of 945 North Street and John Kirkham of English Landscaping Services who is renting a portion of the property for work within 150' of wetlands associated with Flax Mill Brook in the Wepawaug River Watershed. Mr. Kirkham is utilizing the rear of the property for temporary storage of woodchips, cut wood, cut trees and material. She visited the site on 10/31/11 and spoke with Mr. Kirkham who stated he did not know there were permitting requirements on the site. Mr. Kirkham said that he would begin moving material and install a silt fence on the rear of the property and call for an inspection within 2 weeks.

She visited the site on 11/14/11. Mr. Kirkham had moved all the wood products (chips, trees, firewood) 8-15' from Flax Mill Brook and installed a silt fence. In the process of the clean-up Mr. Kirkham stated that he consolidated piles of fill material that had been dumped by unknown parties on the site. She asked that the pile be moved further from Flax Mill Brook and silt fence be added to the rear of it. Mr. Kirkham stated that he would move the pile as quickly as possible. He was waiting for MaryRose to view the clean-up before seeding the disturbed areas. He stated he would seed as soon as possible.

She visited the property this afternoon. The soil pile had been moved forward and hay bales installed between the soil pile and the Brook. There was an additional ~20' area between the soil pile and the Brook that needed erosion controls. Mr. Kirkham stated that he had thought the grasses in that area would protect the Brook. She was concerned about a heavy rainstorm could transport soil into the wetlands and Brook. Mr. Kirkham stated that he would have the additional hay installed by the end of the day today and call her for an inspection.

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

I move that cease and desist order IW-V-11-049: 945 North Street, be modified to require that the erosion controls be monitored on a weekly basis by Mr. Kirkham until 5/16/12 or the vegetation is established to stabilize the soils adjacent to the wetlands and Flax Mill Brook at which time the Agency can review the violation and consider releasing the violation.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Margeson to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting on 11/14/11 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by Margeson to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting on 11/16/11 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Committee Reports

Committees:

- Bylaws, Regulations & Procedures committee. (Justin, Al, Steve) met 12/1/11 and will be meeting again on 12/8/11. The fee schedule is almost ready to be reviewed by the City Attorney's office.
- Communications & Education committee. (Cathy, Jim, Michael) no report.
- Commissioners' Training committee. (Ken, Jon, Sally) no report.

G. Staff Report

There was a discussion of alternatives for the first meeting in January. The Aldermen don't meet until 1/9/12. The IWA meeting is scheduled for the 4th. A decision will not be able to be made until it is determined if there are applications for the meetings in January.

West Ave Sewer Fucci Construction is complete waiting asbuilt.

East Broadway pump station project is ongoing.

East Broadway interceptor complete waiting asbuilt.

Subway parking lot expansion is ongoing.

West Avenue and Gulf Pond pump station projects are ongoing.

Indian River Interceptor is ongoing.

Prospect Falls is ongoing.

CVS is completed – waiting for the asbuilt.

Westmoor Road lots are ongoing.

Cegan questioned work on the bridge over the Indian River access road that has been disturbed. MaryRose suggested that it may be the State working on the bridge over the Indian River.

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

H. Chairman's Report

McNamee thanked everyone for their hard work and stated that she will not be seeking re-appointment for next year due to work constraints.

The next regular meeting will be on 12/21/11.

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.