

A. Roll Call

Present: Dave DeFlumeri, Daniel Bedeker, Jim Connors, Matthew Connors, Ken Cowden, Carol Dunn and Lily Flannigan

Absent: Ranjit Bhawe, Brendan Magnan and Steve Munson.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit

Magnan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed M. Connors the voting alternate.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.

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D. New Business

- 1. IW-A-19-057: 78 Platt Lane, Bryan and Dana Wilson** – proposed single family home with construction and grading within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is an application for a single family home on a rear lot in a previously approved subdivision that has expired. The Wilson's are proposing a slightly different house and configuration than was previously approved. They are proposing to move the driveway further from the wetland and to have a front load instead of a side load driveway. They are proposing a 10' planting buffer around the wetland line with a mixture of shrubs. Ron Wassmer and Bryan Wilson were in attendance to present the application.

Ron Wassmer, LS, PE, oriented the plan which is part of a 2005 subdivision with two lots. The site gently slopes NE to SW. A stockpile of material was left on the site when the other house was constructed. The wetlands are highlighted on the plans and enhancement plantings are proposed. There will be no filling. The house will have a walk out back and blends in with the topography. Dry wells off of the corners of the house are proposed. He compared the approved plan from 2005; the closest point was the driveway, which was 30' from the wetlands. The proposed house is now 33.5' from the wetlands and is the closest point.

Flannigan clarified that the reason before the IWA was due to the permit expiring. Wassmer confirmed this. DeFlumeri asked about the debris on site. Wassmer stated that it is not debris but top soil and it will be re-graded on site. Cowden stated that he liked this plan better than the original; it keeps cars further away from the wetlands. Wassmer stated that the applicant would prefer boulders for markers. Dunn asked if there was any public input. MaryRose stated that there was not; the application is just being received. M. Connors stated that he is comfortable with the new application. Connors asked if it could be handled as a Jurisdictional Ruling. MaryRose stated that it could; but there could not be any conditions on a Jurisdictional Ruling.

DeFlumeri stated that this evening, the Agency can:

- Ask questions
- Take no action
- Ask for further information
- Schedule a site walk
- Schedule a Public Hearing

No action taken.

E. Old Business

- 1. IW-A-19-051: Flax Mill Lane over Wepawaug River, City of Milford** – proposed replacement of Flax Mill Lane Bridge with construction, grading and drainage in and within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by the City of Milford under a State of CT program to replace the Flax Mill Lane Bridge. The proposed work involves removing and replacing the existing bridge, temporarily moving the existing water line and adding drainage and finish grading. The wetland and watercourses adjacent to the project area have been evaluated by a Certified Soil Scientist. The total wetland review area to be altered is 478 square feet, with 444 square feet to be re-established. An additional 4,227 square feet of watercourse will be impacted along a 127 foot reach of the Wepawaug for this project. The Agency walked the site this evening, the weather was overcast. Commissioners Behave, Dunn, M. Connors, Magnan, and Munson were unable to attend the site visit.

Michael Brady of Close, Jensen and Miller, P.C. Wethersfield CT is the Project Engineer and was in attendance to answer any questions.

DeFlumeri asked how long the whole project would take. Brady stated that it would take 6-8 months and would begin in April 2020. The wall will be removed, turf establishment and wetland grass. DeFlumeri asked about trees on site. Brady stated that the large oak would remain and the contractor would consult with the Tree Warden before removal of any significant trees.

DeFlumeri stated that this evening, the Agency can:

- Ask questions
- Take no action
- Ask for further information
- Approve with conditions
- Deny
- Schedule a Public Hearing

Connors questioned bonding this project. MaryRose stated that the State and City would have an overall bond for the project.

The following motion was made by Connors and seconded by Cowden:

I move to approve application IW-A-19-051: Flax Mill Lane over Wepawaug River based on the plans entitled "*Environmental Permit Plans state Project No 083-266 Replacement of Bridge No. 04942 Flax Mill Lane over Wepawaug River City of Milford*" by Lochner, cover and 8 sheets dated 5/16/19, the information in the file and presented this evening, for the following reasons:

- The applicant has demonstrated that the necessary work can be completed with minimum disturbance to the wetlands and watercourse and that the area will be mitigated and restored per the plans.

A feasible and prudent alternative does not exist because:

- The applicant has demonstrated that the bridge requires replacement and that the proposed plan is the most feasible and prudent alternative.

With conditions including:

- The Permittee must submit a construction plan *prior* to taking out the permit.
- Soil Erosion and Sedimentation controls as outlined on the plans and project specifications and in the CT DEP “2002 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines” must be installed and maintained on the site until the property is stabilized.
- The Permittee must submit a certification by the Project Engineer that the completed project meets the design intent of the approval prior to bonds being released.
- The permit is issued 8/7/19 expires 8/7/24 unless otherwise provided by Statute.

That is my motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Violation IW-V-19-037: 40 Little Pond Road, Michael & Samantha Parillo** – clearing, filling, grading and placement of material and debris in and within 100’ of a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed without a permit.

MaryRose reported that this is a violation issued 5/29/19 to the property owners of 40 Little Pond Road, Michael & Samantha Parillo for work in the rear yard including clearing of vegetation and filling/grading of the rear yard was done within the upland review area without a permit. At the 7/17/19 meeting the Agency modified the order to require that the property owner install, by no later than 10/15/19, plantings to cover approximately 25’ x 8’ along rear property line in the southwest corner with large and small shrubs and herbaceous plantings to intercept water running towards the adjacent wetlands located offsite. Plants are required to be no less than 3 gallons in size for large and 1 gallon in size for small. She recommended no action at this time.

No action taken.

F. Minutes

No action taken.

G. Staff Report

The Annual CACIWC meeting has been scheduled for 11/23/19 at the Red Lion Inn, in Cromwell. This year registrations received prior to 10/1/19 save \$25/pp, so we will be sending registrations in by mid – September to conserve the education budget. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

DPW is doing a number of maintenance and repair projects throughout the City. MaryRose did field walks with the Public Works Director last week to look at maintenance on parking areas for two ball fields.

Site Status:

- Welch’s Point Rd Pump Station is ongoing. The project is nearing completion – the rear yard area is stabilized as required.

- Rock Lane Pump Station is ongoing. The project is nearing completion – the rear yard area is stabilized as required.
- Great River Golf Course – MaryRose spoke with GRGC and will be setting up a site walk/review in the next week or so.
- 0 Tanglewood Circle –mitigation monitoring is ongoing we have received 2/10 reports (monitoring anticipated through 2023).
- 24 Cooper Ave – ongoing.
- Ford St / Bailey Ln –ongoing.
- Terrace Rd is ongoing.
- Wheelers Woods – ongoing.
- Eastern Steel Rd – Rail Road Culvert – ongoing.
- 780 North Street – Parking lot; rough grade is done, catch basins and sedimentation basins are in, woodchips are in along the trail.
- Beaverbrook Boardwalk nearing completion, Due to funding the project was split and they hope to complete the parking area by the end of the year. They are doing work along the trail to prevent erosion.

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

G. Chair's Report

The next meeting will be a Regular meeting in Conference Room B on August 21, 2019.

Please let the office know if you cannot attend and get any questions you have on the applications to MaryRose so that she can forward them to the applicants.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. was made by Connors and seconded by Cowden. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit