

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on May 02, 2018.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Brendan Magnan, Nathan Buchok, Jim Connors, Matthew Connors, Ken Cowden, Carol Dunn, Lily Flannigan, Ed Mead and Steve Munson.

Absent: Rajit Bhawe and Dave DeFlumeri.

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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**E. New Business**

- 1. IW-M-06-025: 80 Flax Mill Lane, Thomas Collucci** – proposed modification to a permit for construction of a single family house, driveway and associated infrastructure with construction and grading within 150' of a wetland or watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed. Proposed access culvert.

MaryRose reported that this is a modification request by Tom Collucci to allow a culvert and driveway for access at 80 Flax Mill Lane. This application was approved in 2006 for a single family home with a crossing for sanitary sewer and water service. Mr. Collucci started the project during a drought and laid the approved water and sewer lines. He now finds that the former access to the site is non-viable and he will need to cross the stream with a box culvert for a driveway. The applicant is proposing mitigation plantings for the 0.01 Ac (366 sq. ft.) impact for the culvert. The Agency walked the site this evening the weather was clear and warm. Ron Wassmer has designed the crossing and is here this evening to present the modification request.

Ron Wassmer, CT Civil Group, Research Drive, Milford, met at the site and looked at the culvert location and picked most practical and feasible location of the culvert. Based on the comment at the last meeting to put river rock back, Sheet D-1 was revised to deepen the box culvert by 2' to add the rocks removed from the stream to be added back in.

Dunn asked if the area floods. Wassmer stated that it has the potential to leave its banks and go down stream to the Wepawaug River. The water level is high right now and will decrease and then dry up in July and August.

Flannigan asked about the large tree adjacent to the culvert by the proposed driveway that was seen tonight. Wassmer stated that he will make every attempt to save that tree and if need be he can replace a tree in that spot.

MaryRose noted that Magnan joined the site walk after the meeting adjourned and she walked the site with him. The general consensus of the Agency was that they are comfortable with the application.

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

I move to approve permit modification request IW-M-06-025: 80 Flax Mill Lane based on the plans entitled “80 Flax Mill Lane Milford, Connecticut” by CCG, cover & 5 sheets, sheets 1-4 dated 4/3/18, sheet 5 dated 4/10/18 rev 4/23/18, the information in the file and presented this evening, for the following reasons: *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses.*

With the existing conditions and additional 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 in the CT DEP “2002 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines” must be installed and maintained on the site until the property is stabilized.
- Roof and storm water drainage to be directed to dry well / infiltrators
- The permit was issued 6/7/06 expires 6/7/20 unless otherwise provided by Statute.

The motion carried unanimously.

**2. IW-A-18-011: 80 Surf Avenue, R.M. Skinner Enterprise, Inc. – proposed single-family home with construction and grading within 100’ of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.**

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal for a single family home with construction and grading by RK Skinner Enterprises. The site is located adjacent to Silver Sands Marsh. Scott Stevens PWS located inland wetlands on the site and tidal wetlands offsite to the rear. There is a paper street to the east of the site. The area is currently grassed and mowed. The proposal is for an elevated house with a deck. The deck is proposed 2’ to 3’ off of the inland wetlands line. They are proposing a rain garden on the east side of the property for the roof leaders and stormwater infiltration.

At the last meeting the Agency determined that they would like more information on:

- The proposed plantings,
- Location of soil stockpiles,
- Location of deck footings,
- Locations for vinyl posts and wetland boundary markers,
- Signage for the rain garden which would also be in the deed and on the final drawing.

A revised plan was emailed to you last week and copies were handed out this evening. Joe Codespoti of Codespoti & Associates PC is here to answer your questions along with the property owner Roland Skinner of RK Skinner Enterprises.

Codespoti stated that based on the agency's input they made some changes to the plan, including:

- Moved the stockpile to the east front corner of the property,
- Made a 'bioretention area must be maintained' sign for the rain garden,
- Showed the vinyl posts with boundary markers,
- Provided a salt tolerant plant lists for the rain garden,
- The deck is 2.5' off of the wetland as noted on Sp-1 the post is 3.5' further back 5.8' from the closest post to the wetland,
- The stairs are inclusive in the deck to minimize distance to the wetland,
- The proposed rain garden is sized to handle the roof drainage and placed in the best location for it on the site.

Codespoti said that it is his understanding that the City has no plan to develop the paper portions of Willow Street which runs along the south side of the property. He stated that they were trying to align the house with the other houses in the area and have a hammerhead driveway to give safe access to Surf Av. He stated that they tried to incorporate all of the Agency's suggestions in the revised plan.

Flannigan asked what would be under the deck. Codespoti said that there would only gravel under the deck, not concrete.

MaryRose noted that there had been no public interest in the file.

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

I move to approve permit request IW-A-18-011: 80 Surf Avenue based on the plans entitled "Surf Avenue *prepared for Skinner Enterprises Inc. Parcel A, Milford, Connecticut*" by Codespoti & Associates, P.C., 2 sheets dated 1/22/18 revised 4/19/18, and the information in the file and presented this evening, for the following reasons: *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses.*

With the existing conditions and additional 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 in the CT DEP "2002 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines" must be installed and maintained on the site until the property is stabilized.
- Wetland notification to be placed on the asbuilt and in the property deed to give notification to property owners that permits are required from the MIWA to work on the site.
- If the permittee/owner chooses to change the professionals on the project the resumes and C.V.'s of the proposed new professionals must be reviewed and approved by the Agency to ensure that the professional is familiar with and understands the permit conditions.
- A \$6,682.50 bond of must be posted with the MIWA for S&E controls, border plantings, wetland boundary markers and an asbuilt showing finished 2' contours and locating all site structures.
- The rain garden signage must be posted on the site and those sign locations and wording noted on the asbuilt.

- The Permittee will submit a description of the purpose and ongoing maintenance requirements of the rain garden stormwater system that will be included in the property deed to notify property owners of these requirements.
  - 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 5/2/18 expires 5/2/23 unless otherwise provided by Statute.
- The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Minutes**

It was noted that Munson was absent from the meeting of 04/18/18. Also in the Compliance Officer's report – dredging was extensive verses excessive. A motion was made by Buchok, seconded by Flannigan to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Staff Report**

- Our meetings in May and June will be in Room B due to training that will be held in Room A.
- It appears that the DEEP Commissioner Training will not start until the fall this year. As soon as it is available I will forward it to you.
- She has been working with a committee on the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan that is now posted in draft form for comment on the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) website. I will send the link out to you if you are interested in looking at the draft. The comment period ends 5/14/18.

**Site Status:**

- 33 Schoolhouse Rd has submitted a digital asbuilt, Original Ecosystems will be doing the invasive management and basin plantings and monitoring for the site.
- 70 Kay Ave is ongoing.
- Welch's Point Rd Pump Station is ongoing.
- Rock Lane Pump Station is ongoing.
- 73 Cooper Ave Asbuilt received and planted, ready for bond release.
- Forest Rd - ongoing
- Great River Golf Course – expect to receive the revised mitigation plan for planting in the spring.
- Milford Ponds is ongoing, Work on the walls for the West River St side of the North St Pond will continue. City Hall Pond and the North St side of the North St Pond will be open for the fishing derby
- 0 Tanglewood Circle – Has loamed and is seeding the septic areas with wildflower seeds as required. There was some ponding due to the recent rain events. They are behind in the consultants reports due to vacations but should be caught up by early next week.

**G. Chair's Report**

The next meeting will be a Regular meeting in Conference Room B on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 8:00 p.m. was made by Connors and seconded by Buchok. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.