

A. Roll Call

Present: Brendan Magnan, Daniel Bedeker, Ranjit Bhawe, Jim Connors, Dave DeFlumeri, Scott Marlow, Steve Munson and Jason Zammiello.

Absent: Matthew Connors and Ken Cowden.

Also Present: Joe Griffith, MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit

Magnan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and reviewed the guidelines in hosting remote meetings to ensure business runs efficiently and that all statutory and administrative rules are followed:

1. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and Governor Lamont's executive orders, this meeting is being recorded and will be made available on the City of Milford website.
2. During this meeting, if members of the Inland Wetlands Commission would like to speak, please utilize the "raise your hand" feature via Zoom. All participants will be muted during the meeting unless recognized by the Chair.
3. After being recognized to speak, please state your name and address prior to making a statement.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.

D. New Business

1. **IW-A-20-036: 0 Lansdale Ave, City of Milford** – proposed renovation, expansion and upgrades to the existing baseball and softball fields to a multipurpose outfield with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland and watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal from the City of Milford to convert the existing natural grass baseball and softball fields to synthetic turf fields with a multipurpose outfield. They are proposing new fencing, dugouts, retaining walls and other appurtenant work. This proposed work is within 100' of a wetland and watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed. No work is proposed in a wetland or watercourse. The plans call for disturbance of 0.66 acres of upland review area

MaryRose sent a photo sheet this afternoon that showed the 100' upland review area in the existing field. The intermittent watercourse comes from the southwest and enters a stormwater drainage system along the western edge of the field. The intermittent watercourse is offsite and will not be impacted by the proposal. As proposed, with appropriate sedimentation and erosion controls, the proposed work will not have a significant impact on the offsite intermittent watercourse.

Jesse Harris of BSC Group is the Landscape Architect for the project and was in attendance to present the application. Harris oriented the aerial site/map that showed the intermittent watercourse location and a detailed survey plan. Stock piles will be limited and topsoil is to be reused on site. The orientation will be changed slightly; the baseball field shifted to address the sun/visibility of

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players. The softball field will remain the same. There will be new dug outs for the baseball field, bull pen and batting cages, new fencing and ball safety netting. There will be carpet turf with a stone drainage layer and subsoil.

Magnan asked about potential wetland impacts. Harris reviewed that the intermittent watercourse is outside of the project limits. There will not be a significant grade change. .66 acres will be impacted in the upland review area.

Munson asked about protocol for maintenance. Harris stated that there are higher wear areas with softball and baseball than football. There should be raking or brooming out on a per games basis and then weekly grooming/brush out and then Fall debris removal. Munson asked if there was any different treatment for the outfield area. Harris stated that it would all be the same. Munson asked about the length of the project. Harris stated that it would be about 12-14 weeks of construction time in July – September.

Bedecker asked if this was a similar situation to the Foran High field; where the field has an issue with being wet. Harris stated that it is not the same; there is no underlying groundwater concern. The project is driven more by its maintenance of natural grass.

Marlow questioned that soil holds groundwater and turf will not and if this would be an issue. Harris stated that stormwater discharge is no more than today. The stone layer doubles as a reservoir layer and drain pipes will be every 20' on center and then go through the stormwater system.

Magnan asked to confirm that there is no significant increase of water flow. Harris stated that that is correct; no greater than there is today. Magnan clarified that there would be disturbance to the Upland Review Area but not to the intermittent watercourse. Harris confirmed this and reviewed this on the plans.

DeFlumeri questioned if any contaminants could soak through the layers and get into the watercourse. Harris stated that they could not; per the DEEP study 10 years ago noted a higher zinc level, no heavy metals. DeFlumeri asked if the product is different now. Harris stated that it is, it has evolved – it has a shorter pile height – 2 to 2 ½ “verses 1 ¾”. DeFlumeri – if a machine is needed to refill it periodically, then some material is being lost. Harris stated that is correct; as players get it in their shoes or equipment, the walking area, etc.

Bhave stated that with water exiting to the stream there is an aggregate base underneath and he has concerns about the aggregate getting blocked with sediment. Harris stated that the fabric layer between the soil and stone prevents siltation. There is never a need to clean out the stone area; no additional accumulation over time. Bhave asked about the life of the turf. Harris stated between 10-12 years; it could be longer based on maintenance.

Magnan asked for MaryRose's input. MaryRose stated that she walked the site and reviewed the plans and feels the work will not disturb the wetlands and the S & E controls should protect them during construction.

Munson asked if there was any input from the public. MaryRose stated that this is a pre-application and there has been no public input.

Richard Jagoe, 12 Driftwood Lane, is on the Building Committee and stated that he feels this is a bonus for the school and the players.

MaryRose stated that at this time, this is a pre-application and is before us for the first time this evening and the Agency can:

- Ask questions
- Ask for further information
- Approve the Pre-application
- Ask for a full application
- Take no action

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

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-A-20-036: 0 Lansdale Av for the renovation, expansion and upgrades to the existing baseball and softball fields to a multipurpose outfield with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland and watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed as shown on the plans entitled "*Baseball & softball Field Improvements at Jonathan Law High School, 0 Lansdale Avenue, Milford, Connecticut*" by BSC Group, cover & 17 sheets dated 6/15/20. *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses*" That is my motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. Old Business

1. **IW-A-20-033: 0 French Drive, City of Milford** – proposed renovation, expansion and upgrades to the existing soccer field with construction and grading in and within 100' of a wetland and watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal from the City of Milford to convert the existing natural grass field to two synthetic turf fields with a baseball overlay. They are proposing new fencing, ball safety netting, spectator seating and associated site improvements. This proposed work is in and within 100' associated with Calf Pen Meadow Creek in the South Central Shoreline Watershed. The plans call for disturbance of 1/10th of an acre of inland wetlands and 2.38 Acres of upland review area with 2/10th of an acre of mitigation and enhancements proposed. The disturbed area is along the edge of the existing field. There is a photo sheet in the application documents that showed the field in relationship to the softball field approved in 2018 and the existing detention basin. At the last meeting the Agency decided to hold a public hearing for this application on 6/19/2020 at 3:00 p.m. An additional photo sheet was distributed this afternoon.

MaryRose reviewed the photo sheet; viewed dead ash trees. The Tree Warden deemed 45 ash trees dead and should be removed and invasive species treated.

MaryRose reviewed Cowden's concerns:

- a. If a 10' swing gate could be installed at the French Drive end of the safety zones – it would make truck access possible.

- b. Another option – using truck mats on top of the safety zone – not sure of what that design would require vs. no mats.
- c. The Milford Land Conservation Trust has a public trail from Pond Point towards Foran / French Drive. The trail crosses the drainage swale with some 2 x 6's – probably should be a better crossing established. However, once crossing the drainage swale, the expanded fields would eliminate any side trail currently being used.
- d. Plantings for mitigation

Jesse Harris of BSC Group, Landscape Architect for the project, stated that there would be a maintenance access once the project was complete and per Steve Johnson – a low ground pressure vehicle was proposed to gain access that the field could support. Regarding the trail access; modifications can be made to the crossing as part of the project mitigation. A supplemental plan was submitted showing native plantings for mitigation using a wetland type mix and species are listed on the plan.

Magnan stated that the Public Hearing is to focus on IWA issues. The Public Hearing will be held on 6/19/202 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. If there are any questions, please call the office

2. Violation IW-V-19-037: 40 Little Pond Road, Michael and 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 plantings to cover approximately 25' X 8' along southwest corner of the rear property line 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. The plantings were installed in early November 2019. MaryRose met with Mike Parillo on 11/6/19 to review the plantings. At the 12/4/19 meeting the Agency modified the order to review the status of the plants after 5/15/20. MaryRose met Mr. Parillo on the property on 6/9/20. The plantings appear to be doing well, the grassed area of the yard is stable and there are volunteer plants from the adjacent wetland that have filled in behind the required plantings. The photo sheet shows the intersection of the paper streets is no longer mowed and has filling in nicely with dense vegetation. At this time, she would recommend that the violation be released.

There is a little neighborhood dumping area behind this stabilized area at the intersection of the paper streets. She is not able to attribute the pile to any one of the surrounding houses. She would suggest/request Public Works to post the area for no dumping.

Mr. Parillo stated that everything is nice and green and has taken; he is happy with the project and has learned a lot. Magnan noted that he did a good job of follow through and resolution.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Marlow to release the cease and desist order at 40 Little Pond Road. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to accept the minutes of 06/03/2020 as presented. The motion carried with Zammiello abstaining.

F. Staff Report

- The office has been busy with pool, shed, deck and minor addition reviews.
- Please let the office know what each IWA members preferred method of plan review is. If you would like paper sets of plans on all applications or just larger applications so that what you need to review the proposals is received.
- MaryRose has spoken to several people about proposed projects or modifications of old projects that will be coming in over the next several months.

Site Status:

- Flax Mill Lane Bridge is ongoing.
- 0 Tanglewood Circle –mitigation monitoring is ongoing we have received 3/10 reports (monitoring anticipated through 2023). Minor work to remove invasives was required from the December 19 monitoring report. Next report is due in Spring 2020.
- 24 Cooper Ave – ongoing. They will be installing their rain garden in the next few weeks.
- Ford St / Bailey Ln –houses, landscaping and fencing are complete – waiting for last area of grass to grow for bond release.
- Terrace Rd is ongoing.
- Wheelers Woods – ongoing.
- Beaver Brook Boardwalk – complete, parking area prepped by DPW remaining work to be done in phase 2.
- 63 Chester St is ongoing.
- Westmoor Rd is ongoing.
- Sailor's Lane pump station is waiting on landscaping.
- Daniels St (Stonebridge patio) waiting on asbuilt.
- Florence Av is ongoing – stone swale and galleys are installed, waiting on asbuilt.
- Platt Lane is ongoing.

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

G. Chair Report

The next meeting will be July 01, 2020 via ZOOM. Please let the office know if you cannot attend. There will be a Public Hearing on 6/19/2020 at 3:00 p.m., please give notice of your attendance to ensure there is a quorum.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.

