

A. Roll Call

Present: Brendan Magnan, Ranjit Bhavé, Nathan Buchok, Jim Connors, Matthew Connors, Ken Cowden, Dave DeFlumeri, Carol Dunn, Lily Flannigan and Steve Munson.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit

Magnan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed Bhavé the voting alternate. Dunn will be recusing herself from discussing item D. 1.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.

D. New Business

- 1. IW-A-2018-32: 0 Chester Street, Bjorklund Properties** – proposed single family home with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland and watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Bjorklund Properties for a single family home with construction and grading in and within a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed. The site is at the end of Chester Street adjacent to the Calf Pen Meadow Marsh. The owner is proposing a single family home with disturbance for construction of the house. The Agency walked the site this evening and the weather was seasonal.

The CT-DEEP has asked to review this application due to the proposed work at and below the Coastal Jurisdiction Line (CJL of 4.7'). The Applicant and his attorney are working to set up a meeting with DEEP, but were delayed due to vacations.

We have received the City Engineers review. He has asked for map revisions and to see the DEEP review for the property due to the proposed work in the CJL.

Jim McManus, Professional Wetland Scientist who delineated the wetlands on the site is here this evening to answer your questions on the project:

Jim McManus, JMM Consulting Services, LLC, Certified Professional Soil Scientist, stated that there is no additional information beyond the presentation from last meeting but he was happy to answer any questions.

Magnan asked if they had prepared any feasible and prudent alternatives as was requested for at the last meeting. Bjorklund, property owner, stated that Attorney Curseaden would be responding to this at a later date.

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Bhave stated that he was not on site today or at the original presentation but would like to know about the quality/functions of the wetlands. McManus reviewed Sheet C4 and noted the wetland boundary on the plan and stated that it has been historically filled and disturbed and perform a stormwater function and that the higher quality wetlands on the site are the tidal wetlands that are both on and along the property boundary. They are proposing to remove the invasives; phragmites and Japanese Knotweed and replace those with tidal wetlands as mitigation for adding a little lawn and a little deck for the homeowners. They are also proposing to put up a fence to delineate the new wetland. Bhave asked if this is in the FEMA flood plain. MaryRose stated that it is in AE11 and is noted on the plans.

Magnan asked if the low lying area would be more stable with the proposed plantings. McManus stated that the plantings in the mitigation wetlands will be guided by CT-DEEP with salt tolerant shrubs and herbaceous species similar to the larger site off of Buckingham Ave. MaryRose stated that input from the CT-DEEP as well as the City Engineer is being sought. Also, the 65 day period ends for this application on 11/19/18 and there is concern with the response from the DEEP by then. Per Attorney Curseaden, an extension would be granted if needed.

Munson stated that there may or may not be a need for a hearing. MaryRose stated that if the IWA requires a Public Hearing, then alternates are required. Also, DEEP may have additional information/requirements. Magnan stated that he felt there should be no action until the DEEP input is received and does not feel this will affect the public so much as it is an isolated lot. Cowden agreed. DeFlumeri stated that he is concerned with the height of the property; other lots are 18" – 2' higher than this one and he is concerned with what will happen in a 25, 50 or 100 year storm. MaryRose stated that impacts on the wetlands are this agency's purview and those issues are handled with Planning and Zoning and the DEEP. Buchok stated that he is in favor of waiting for input. Bjorklund stated that the house is elevated and it will either be pillared with breakaway walls or a basement with a smart vent. He has had pre-meetings with Zoning and he is aware of the FEMA requirements.

No action taken.

E. Minutes

DeFlumeri noted in the minutes the motion states there was a 6-0 vote and there were only 5 members present. A motion was made by Buchok, seconded by Munson to accept the minutes of 9/19/18 as amended. The motion carried with Bhave, Connors, M. Connors and DeFlumeri abstaining.

F. Staff Report

MaryRose reported that the CACIWC meeting is Saturday, 11/17 from 8:30-3:30 in Cromwell. She stated that she will send out the information again tomorrow and said that anyone who would like to attend must pick their classes before they can be registered.

Site Status:

- 33 Schoolhouse Rd - Original Ecosystems is doing the invasive management and basin plantings and monitoring for the site.

- Welch's Point Rd Pump Station is ongoing. The contract end date for the work on both pump stations is 12/22/18.
- Rock Lane Pump Station is ongoing.
- Forest Rd – nearing completion, waiting on plantings and asbuilt.
- Great River Golf Course – waiting to receive the revised mitigation plan for planting.
- 0 Tanglewood Circle – nearing completion; waiting on asbuilts.
- 24 Cooper Ave – no change at this time.
- 74 Surf Av – ongoing
- Wheelers Woods – anticipates starting work this fall; the permit has been taken out.
- Ford Street/Bailey Lane – ongoing.

Please remember to call or email me 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 October 17, 2018.

Please let the office know if you are unable to 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 7:50 p.m. was made by Connors and seconded by Munson. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.