

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on September 05, 2012.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Allen Cegan, Jim Connors, Michael DeGrego, John Higgins, Richard Lutz, Justin Margeson, Steve Munson and Aaron Sanner.

Absent: Ken Cowden.

Collins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 she visited the site on 8/6/12 with Otto Theall, Chris and Buddy Field. The mitigation area has grown in with the grasses from the seed mixture. There is some minor growth of knotweed around the edges of the tarped area and the knotweed stand surrounding the test plot is looking quite healthy. The next inspection for this site is late October/early November. Year one is completed; there is no action required of the IWA at this time.

2. **IW-V-11-049: 945 North Street, Barretta 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 there is no new information at this time. No action taken.

3. **IW-V-12-033: 234 Pond Point Avenue, Mark and Catherine Samson** – clearing and dumping debris with work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse without a permit in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that the required work is to be completed by 9/15/12. No new information at this time. No action taken.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins to accept the minutes of the 7/18/12 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Staff Report

- West Avenue and Gulf Pond pump station projects are ongoing.
- High Street Sewer job is restarts this week.
- Indian River Interceptor is on hold for a few more weeks.
- 134 Old Gate Lane – the restaurant has started site work.
- 142 Old Gate Lane – Rene LeDuc has started work -
- Prospect Falls site work is complete; the 2nd mitigation report has been received.
- Wilson Street has started.
- Westmoor Rd – the third house is under construction.
- Eagle Project- Christian Lofthouse completed his Eagle project at Eisenhower Park in April and has submitted a report. He planted 75 fruit bearing trees for mast in the Park to give additional food sources to the wildlife there. He researched and found disease resistant American Chestnut to plant in the park along with Wild Crabapple. Christian did a great job of researching, organizing raising the funds to purchase the trees and necessary materials and implementing his project.
- A status update on Agent approvals issued since the last update in April was distributed. This list does not include sign-offs on the ViewPermit system.
- The Fall DEEP Session 3 training will be coming up in October - as soon as dates are available, commissioners will be notified.
- The annual CACIWC meeting will be held on November 17, 2012 and is an all day meeting where there are several sessions on Conservation and Inland Wetland topics as well as a legal update from the Attorney General's office. Commissioners will be notified when registration information is received.
- Please remember to call or email the office if you are unable to attend a meeting.
- Munson inquired about Way Street. MaryRose reported that the applicant is still waiting for input from their Engineer. Therefore, they withdrew their application and will resubmit.
- Lutz asked about city maps showing wetlands and if they are correct. MaryRose reported that they are correct but they are based on a 1965 soil survey; so it is an approximate location and it behooves the applicant to have their site surveyed.
- Collins asked if the review list is normal in length or if it has been slow or busy. MaryRose stated that there have been small items; pools, etc. verses new construction and it has been unusually slow this time of year.

G. Chairwoman's Report

- Collins reported that if there is nothing on the agenda; meetings will be cancelled. However, it is important to be up to date and in contact.
- The DEEP Training was discussed; Session 3 is typically more technical/hands on both computer and outside on sight.
- The next regular meeting will be on 9/19/12.

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.