

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on October 03, 2012.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, John Higgins, Richard Lutz, Justin Margeson and Steve Munson.

Absent: Allen Cegan, Michael DeGrego and Aaron Sanner

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. New Business

- 1. Violation IW-V-12-060: 17 Settlers Ridge Road, Mohan Hanumantha** – clearing and dumping of material and debris without a permit within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a violation issued 9/28/12 to Mohan Hanumantha for clearing of trees and brush in and adjacent to wetlands at 17 Settler's Ridge Road. The plot plan for the home shows the wetland boundary at 22' from the rear of the home when it was constructed in 1994. Mr. Hanumantha had a tree fall on another tree during hurricane Irene. He had left them in place until his neighbor expressed concern for their children playing in the area. Mr. Hanumantha cut the trees up leaving some of the branches, etc. in the surrounding woods. He replaced the holes left by the root balls with top soil and was going to seed/replant the disturbed area which is approximately 20x30. The picture sheet includes a photo submitted by Mr. Hanumantha of the fallen tree, and trees it landed on for the record, photos 2-4 show the disturbed area on her 10/1/12 site walk.

She recommended that the violation be upheld and that Mr. Hanumantha be required to replant the area with native wetland species and a seed mixture by November 7, 2012. (*Est 20x30' disturbed area – propose 10-24-36" wetland plantings mixture of speckled alder, pepper bush, dogwood shadblow/serviceberry, azalea, blueberry, winterberry holly, bayberry*). Clethra was suggested by Cowden. It was discussed that there would be 20 plantings every 5' on center for 3 rows.

Mr. Hanumantha was present and stated that he was amenable to whatever the IWA decides and further stated that this was a safety issue that he acted on. He asked if he could put grass at the base of the area and was told that he could put in grass up to 4'.

The following motion was made by Connors and seconded by Higgins:
To uphold order IW-V-12-060 17 Settlers Ridge Road and that the Compliance Officer may release the order upon completion of the following items:

- Stabilize the site with a disturbed area seed mixture and Install 20 wetland plantings
- The restoration work must be completed by November 7, 2012
- 80% stabilization of the disturbed area.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. **MIWA 2013 Meeting Dates:** Upon review of the meeting dates submitted; a motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins to approve the proposed MIWA meeting schedule for 2013 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **IW-A-12-063: 28 Way Street, Warren Field Jr.** – proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

This item is on the agenda for the first time this evening and can be discussed at the 10/17/12 meeting. No action taken.

4. **IW-A-12-064: 24 Way Street, Woodstock Development, LLC** – proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

This item is on the agenda for the first time this evening and can be discussed at the 10/17/12 meeting. No action taken.

5. **IW-A-12-065: Way Street, BAMF Homes, LLC** – proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

This item is on the agenda for the first time this evening and can be discussed at the 10/17/12 meeting. No action taken.

6. **IW-A-12-066: 22 Way Street, BAMF Homes, LLC** – proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and work within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed.

This item is on the agenda for the first time this evening and can be discussed at the 10/17/12 meeting. No action taken.

E. 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 the next inspection for this site is late October/early November. There is no action required of the Agency 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. **Violation 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 she inspected the required work yesterday (10/12/12) and found the site to be in compliance with the IWA's order of 6/21/12. Mr. Samson has installed very large boulders along the wetland border and plantings along the boulder/border. The area is stabilized and she recommended that the violation be released.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins that the violation be released. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Higgins to accept the minutes of the 9/5/12 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Staff Report

- West Avenue and Gulf Pond pump station projects are ongoing.
- High Street Sewer job restarts this week.
- Indian River Interceptor is on hold for a few more weeks. There was some erosion from last week's storm that is being worked on.
- 134 Old Gate Lane – the restaurant has started site work.
- 142 Old Gate Lane – Rene LeDuc has completed the mitigation plantings along the rear wall.

- Prospect Falls site work is complete; the 2nd mitigation report has been received.
- Wilson Street has started and will be loamed and seeded this week.
- Westmoor Rd – the third house is under construction.
- The Devon Revitalization Committee is working on a proposal for Community Garden and Dog Park at Edgemont Field near the Egan Center.
- The Fall DEEP Session 3 training dates were mailed to members on Monday. The brochures will be coming out shortly. For those that are finishing up their Sessions for Certificates please let the office know which session you would like to attend. Additional members may attend; funds are available for this.

1. Friday October 26 CT Forest & Park Association, Middletown - Subject: Vernal Pools.
2. Saturday November 3 CT Forest & Park Association, Middletown - Subject: Vernal Pools.
3. Thursday November 8 DEEP Sessions Woods WMA, Burlington - Subject: Stream Macroinvertebrates and Monitoring.
4. Wednesday November 14 DEEP Sessions Woods WMA, Burlington - Subject: Stream Macroinvertebrates and Monitoring

The annual CACIWC meeting will be held on November 17, 2012 from 8:30 to 4 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden. The sign-up form and listing of workshops was handed out this evening. This is not a required workshop but if you would like to go for information and training please fill out and return the form and the office will register you.

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

I. Chairwoman's Report

The next regular meeting will be on 10/17/12.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.