

A. Roll Call

Present: Brendan Magnan, Daniel Bedeker, Ranjit Bhawe, Matthew Connors, Dave DeFlumeri, Heather Donaldson-Gladue, Steve Munson and Lisa Tryon.

Absent: Jim Connors and Gerry Panico.

Also Present: 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. **Violation IW-C-22-0016: 104 Lavery Lane, Joseph A. and Carol A. Arpino** - Dumping of material and debris within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed without a permit.

MaryRose reported that this is a violation that was issued 9/27/22 to Joe and Carol Arpino for dumping of material and debris within 100' of a wetland in the Housatonic River Watershed. The violation and her site walk notes, along with a memo of her 10/04/22 office visit with Mrs. Arpino is in the document links on the agenda.

MaryRose visited the site based on an anonymous complaint of dumping asphalt on the dirt driveway by the owner of 104 Lavery Lane. The photos in her 9/13/22 site walk memo show the piles of stone, yard waste and broken asphalt on the north side of the driveway to 104 Lavery Lane. The material is dumped adjacent to a steep slope and Wetlands are located on the City of Milford parcels to the north of the road and driveway. The main concern is the impact of the dumped material and debris on the adjacent wetlands. Expansion of the piles could negatively impact the wetlands by filling and impacting the stability of the slope. The fill has been placed on the base of large trees which could impact the health of those trees which provide shade to the wetlands, loss of which may impact the wetlands.

MaryRose spoke with Mrs. Arpino on 10/4/22 and she stated that they are working with Attorney Tom Lynch on getting approval to improve the paper street for access to an additional lot. Mrs.

Arpino stated that they do not have the means at this time to have a survey, soil report and mitigation plan done. She said that they could add erosion controls to the back of the piles by mid October and hoped to move the material to improve the access road by the end of the paving season. Attorney Lynch stated that it may take longer to gain approval for road work and said that he would ask Mrs. Arpino to have the piles of debris removed.

MaryRose recommended upholding the violation with modifications to require the erosion controls be installed and that the material piles be removed by 10/27/22 and that the area be stabilized with a wildlife conservation mix. The agency needs to determine if those dates are reasonable and if they want to require a survey and soil report for this violation.

Joe & Carol Arpino stated that they didn't think it would be an issue when they placed the material there. They haven't had time to move it but want to use it to fix a dip in the road. They have no problem moving the material when Mr. Arpino is feeling better as he is having some health issues currently.

Magnan asked if they are comfortable with removing the debris and putting in erosion controls and stabilization plantings as laid out by MaryRose by 10/27/22. Joe & Carol Arpino stated that they are and when asked said they had no other questions,

Munson asked when the wetland flagging shown on the map was done. MaryRose estimated about 20 years ago.

This evening the agency can ask questions and;

- Uphold the violation
- Release the violation
- Modify the violation

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

I move that cease-and-desist order IWC-22-0016: 104 Lavery Lane, be upheld and modified to require the property owner to remove the dumped materials, stabilize the site with a New England Conservation mix and / or native plantings, install proper soil erosion and sedimentation controls and call for an inspection by 10/27/22. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Proposed Inland Wetland Agency Meeting Dates 2023

There is a provision in the ordinance that the Commissioners up for reappointment remain seated until their position is reappointed.

The 2023 calendar is straight forward with no holidays conflicting with MIWA meetings.

A motion to approve the meeting calendar as presented was made by M. Connors and seconded by DeFlumeri. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by M. Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri to accept the minutes of the 09/21/2022 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Staff Report

- The office continues to be very busy with inquiries, complaints, bond release requests, minor reviews and other reporting and City projects.
- Please let the office know if you have any questions or need additional information on any items before you and information will be requested from the appropriate consultants.
- Governor Lamont recently proclaimed 2022 as “The Year of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses”. You can read the proclamation here:
[CT The Year of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Proclamation](#)
- The CACIWC 45th Annual meeting will be in person on Saturday 10/30/22 and the focus this year is Wetlands for the 50th anniversary of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Act in Connecticut. They are finalizing the speakers but there will be one track reviewing the last 50 years of the wetlands Status in CT as well as speakers on wetlands and climate change. There will also be talks on invasive species. You can see information on their website at: [CACIWC.org](#) They also have the past issues of their publication The Habitat listed on the lower left column of their homepage.
- She is working on the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan update and will send an email with a link to the website to take the survey for input on the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- **HMP23 Public Participation and outreach Survey**
- English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCOG2023>
- Spanish <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCRCOG2023espanol>
- To learn more about the HMP23, please visit the project web page at: <http://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-hazard-mitigation>
- Also included in the training links is MaryRose’s draft notes and motions if commissioners have not done the DEEP of UCONN training. Please let the office know once the training is completed and when your certificate is received.
- If you haven’t completed the CT Inland Wetland Commissioner Training Course it is available: [CT DEEP Municipal Inland Wetland Agency Comprehensive Training Program](#)
- The CT Land Use Academy also has some good online training for Land Use Commissioners at: <https://clear.uconn.edu/luu/index.htm>

Site Status:

- 0 Tanglewood Circle – to be released.
- 30 Bridgeport Av – ongoing.
- 1553 Boston Post Road – work is ongoing, site is stable.
- 67-69 Cooper Ave – bond posted.
- 114-122-124-128 Merwin Ave – ongoing.
- 201 Kings Highway – ongoing.
- Wheelers Woods – project completed, waiting on final review.
- Milford Cemetery – 420 West River Street – ongoing monitoring.
- 16 Marsh St. – ongoing.
- 690 New Haven Ave – ongoing.
- 8 Pepe’s Farm Road – ongoing monitoring.
- 33 Pearl Street – ongoing, proposing change to stormwater runoff.
- 0 Terrace Road – waiting on final review.
- 161 West Rutland Road – ongoing.

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

G. Chair Report

Commissioner training was discussed and suggestions will be further discussed at the December meeting. MaryRose noted that The Milford Trees is holding a walk coming up and the Milford Land Trust is hosting a Walk and Talk as well.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Please let the office know if you cannot attend.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Munson, seconded by M. Connors to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.