

**Meeting Minutes
Milford Inland Wetlands Agency Regular Meeting
November 21, 2007**

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Roll Call

The following Commission Members were present:

Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Cegan, Commissioner Connors, Chairman
Fulco, Vice-Chairman Koschwitz, Commissioner Levitz, Commissioner
McNamee and Parliamentarian Nunno

Others present: Clerk Kuchta, Compliance Officer Palumbo, Mr. John Paul Garcia

Absent: Commissioner Cowden, Commissioner Munson and Commissioner O'Connell

Old Business

1. Application IW-A-07-027: Market Place, Map 39, Block 613, Parcel 10; Jeff Arotsky. Proposed construction of a single-family residence and driveway with construction and grading within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed. (09/05/07||09/19/07||11/09/07)

The Public Hearing for this application is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 in Room A. No new information on this application has been received. Forward all questions that you would like answered to MaryRose prior to the meeting.

2. Application IW-A-07-030: 767 Bridgeport Av. Map 33, Block 213, Parcel 18A. Stephen Courtney. Proposed construction of a parking lot with paving and grading within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Housatonic River Watershed. (09/19/07||10/03/08||11/23/08)

MaryRose stated that this was a proposal by Courtney Honda for a parking area with paving and grading within 100' of wetlands in the Housatonic River Watershed. A portion of the area is currently utilized as a dirt parking lot. Mr. Courtney would like to pave and curb the area, leaving a 65' X 20' mulch area around the two Oak trees shown on the plan. He has submitted a letter from Matthew Evans, a Licensed Arborist stating that the area as shown on the plans is adequate to sustain the health of the Oak trees and that the paved area should be sloped away from the mulched area. I have also received a memo from the Public Works Director stating that he is not requiring additional catch basins on this site. At our last meeting the Agency asked to hear from the Engineer on the project regarding drainage on the site. John Paul Garcia designed the project and is here this evening to answer your questions.

John Paul Garcia. Licensed Professional Land Surveyor representing Courtney Honda said that the arborist's report stated that if the curb was removed the trees should receive plenty of water. Commissioner McNamee asked where the water was going to drain to. Mr. Garcia said that most of the water would drain to the east and the balance of the water would drain to the west. If the curb is eliminated it would end up in the catch basin where it is currently going not increasing the run off with any great volume. The additional runoff would create very little change, approx 7 percent which is almost unmeasurable. Bruce preferred to not have a catch basin because there are DOT drainage issues present. Commissioner Koschwitz asked the effect of heat sink of the pavement around the trees and would that create a negative impact. Mr. Garcia stated that the arborist said trees are substantial in size, 24 to 30 ft across so there would be little detrimental impact and there is already impervious surface present. Currently they are getting more impact because there is no buffer and traffic is running over the feeder roots after it is paved the roots are protected.

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Commissioner Bell asked if the runoff to the wetland side of the lot would create a negative impact. Mr. Garcia said the majority of the parking lot pitches towards the north and northwest and only a very little piece drains off to the east so would be no negative impact.

MaryRose asked if the southern side would be curbed or sheet flowed. Mr. Garcia stated that there will be a 5 ft grass buffer. MaryRose said that she was concerned about erosion and was there enough of a buffer without a curb so that it will not effect erosion. Mr. Garcia said that it will actually improve the buffer on Marion Rd.

Commissionr Connors made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, after duly considering all relevant factors, I move to approve application IW-A-07-030, 767 Bridgeport Avenue on the plans entitled *"Proposed Site Plan Lot No 16, 17, 18A Marion Avenue, Milford, Connecticut"* BY JPGA, 1 sheet, dated 9/2/07, the information in the file and presented this evening, for the following reasons:

This action will not have a negative impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses.

With conditions including:

- Silt Sacs are to be used instead of filter fabric wrapped grates for catch basin protection.
- Compliance with the Public Works Director's memo of 11/6/07.
- Compliance with the letter received by the MIWA on 10/16/07 from Matthew Evans, State Licensed Arborist.
- Plantings will be added around the perimeter of the lot at 5 ft intervals. Plants should be a minimum of 24 ro 36 inches in size.
- Proper soil erosion and sedimentation controls must be installed, maintained and inspected while the site is disturbed. The applicant or his designee must submit weekly reports to the MIWA office.
- A bond of \$4,100 must be posted with the MIWA for S&E controls and a certified as-built plan for the project including wetland boundaries, upland review line, finished grading, drainage, outlets, building, and wetland boundary marker locations within two months of project completion. In *no event* shall the project bond be released prior to the submission of an asbuilt. The as-built must be by a licensed surveyor and include certification by a registered Engineer that the facilities meet the design intent of the approval
- The permit is issued 11/21/07 and expires 11/21/12
- Bond to be held at least one winter session to be sure plantings survive.

Commissioner Cegan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. Consideration of minutes of previous meeting. (11/07/07)

Commissioner Connors moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written and it was seconded by Commissioner Cegan.

G. Staff Report

- The next meeting is a public hearing on November 28, please let Kathy or I know if you will not be able to make the meeting so I will know if there is a quorum problem.
- The Utility project to create a wetland at Eisenhower Park started will be closing up for the winter next week. The site has been shaped and hydro seeded. Next week they are going to install E&S mats for additional protection over the winter. The area is ringed with green safety fencing and will have signs posted on it asking people to keep off the area until it is stabilized and listing our telephone number to call if they have any questions. The wetland plantings will be added in the spring and the breeches in the berm will be done at that time as well. The project is going well.

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H. Chairman's report and communications.

- Everyone should try to attend the FOIA seminar on Tuesday the 27th at 7 p.m. in the city auditorium.
- The training at the CACWIC meeting last Saturday was excellent. The legal session concerning experts testifying was particularly informative and will be useful during the Public Hearing on the 28th.

Commissioner Connors moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Levitz and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Kuchta
Inland Wetlands Clerk

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.