

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on July 16, 2014.

A. Roll Call

Present: Allan Cegan, Ken Cowden, Dave DeFlumeri, Lily Flannigan, Brendan Magnan, Justin Margeson and Steve Munson.

Absent: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Carol Dunn and Richard Lutz.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo, Joe Griffith and Lisa Streit.

Magnan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed DeFlumeri the voting alternate.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.



D. New Business

1. **IW-PA-14-032: 54 Wepawaug Drive, Erik Weiss** – proposed reestablishment of lawn area in rear yard with work within 160' of a wetland in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Erik Weiss to reestablish lawn in his rear yard at 54 Wepawaug Drive. This is Mr. Weiss's childhood home. As his father got older he mowed less and less of the rear yard and it has become overrun with vegetation. Mr. Weiss is proposing to remove an area of approximately 0.09 acre or 100' X 40' of overgrown vegetation and cover the area with 3-6" of topsoil, loam and seed. He is proposing erosion controls on the down gradient side of the work area. He is not proposing to clear to the Wepawaug River or below elevation 44'. The area is dashed on the map you received with your mail. She distributed a photo sheet showing the area in early June. Mr. Weiss was present to answer any questions.

Eric Weiss -54 Wepawaug Drive – explained that the area used to have a shed and pool when he was young. It has progressively become overgrown. Trees have fallen in the storms. He is not looking to go down to the Wepawaug River but would like to clear some of the overgrown vegetation for a usable yard.

Flannigan asked how much fill would be brought in. Weiss said that he would fill in the area cut into the slope for the pool and 2 areas where the stumps would be removed. He is assuming a couple loads of fill. It would range from 10-20 yards of

fill to level those spots but not changing the slope of the yard. He wants to keep the slope as things flow down to the River now. The pool was 24' round dug into slope. DeFlumeri asked if there are any other plans for shrubbery along the River. Weiss stated that if he gets it clear he could add shrubbery; maybe some arborvitae along the edges could work.

Cowden asked MaryRose's opinion and if a contractor would be aware of concerns. MaryRose stated that the contractor referred the applicant to the IWA.

Flannigan asked for clarification on the location of the 100' upland review area line. MaryRose noted on the East side of the house the 100' line touches the house and on the West side it is approximately the edge of what is currently cleared.

Cegan stated he had no concerns with a Jurisdictional Ruling.

Cowden stated that if a Jurisdictional Ruling was issued, MaryRose could give guidelines and continue to follow up with the project. He does not feel that extensive drawings are required for this proposal, but wants the area watched by MaryRose during the work.

DeFlumeri agreed as long as the slope stays the same.

The following motion was made by Margeson and seconded by Cegan: That the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-14-032: 54 Wepawaug Drive for the reestablishment of a lawn as shown on the drawing in the file. The Applicant will work closely with the Compliance Officer to adhere to the MIWA Regulations. *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses*". That is my motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. **IW-A-14-035: 0 Forest Road, Two-Ninety Six LLC** – proposed single family home with work within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed.

This item is on the agenda for the first time and can be discussed after 7/30/14.

E. Old Business

1. **IW-A-14-031: 631 Orange Avenue, YMCA** – proposed parking lot expansion with work within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a request for permit by the Woodruff YMCA to enlarge the parking area and make a school bus drop off area on the Northern side of the building. This proposal would impact 0.33 Acres of upland review area in the Indian River Watershed. The edge of the parking lot is within 41' of an inland wetland. The proposed stormwater riprap discharge is within 2' of the wetland line.

This application may look familiar as it was approved in 2002 by the Agency. No work is proposed in the wetland, there is grading within 13' of the wetland and a stormwater discharge pipe within 13' of the wetland. There was a change over in YMCA staff during the period when this permit could have been renewed and it lapsed. Had they renewed the permit in 2007 it would not have expired until 2016. The only change in the area of the site where the parking lot is proposed is a climbing wall that was added this year for the Y campers. The climbing wall should not be impacted by the proposed grading for the parking area. Charlie Clifford, YMCA Director was present to answer questions on the proposal.

Charlie Clifford Executive Director of Woodruff Family or Orange Milford YMCA explained that they are trying to satisfy a parking requirement for their second floor. It was shelled in, in the early 2000's fortunately they are now able to complete that portion of their renovation and they then will be able to renovate their first floor. Additional parking spaces are required due to the additional area on the second floor. MaryRose stated that the area was flagged for this proposal and again for an offsite mitigation project in 2005 for the Wayside property. A climbing wall was recently approved and installed in the area on the plan by the pavilion. The pavilion as shown on the current plans was to be moved further from the wetland line as part of the MIWA approval. The maps submitted to P&Z after this plan set had the location of the pavilion changed as the Agency requested.

Cowden stated that he has no issue other than changing the split rail fencing to something that will stand up over time. He is concerned with the posts rotting and would prefer to see PVC or something similar.

Magnan stated that the Agency's options this evening are to visit the site, approve, deny or take no action.

The following motion was made by Margeson and seconded by Cegan:

That Application IW-A-14-031, 631 Orange Avenue, be approved based on the information in the file and presented this evening including the plans entitled "Milford/ Orange Y.M.C.A. Parking Lot addition, 631 Orange Avenue, Milford, Connecticut" by Westcott & Mapes, cover & 6 sheets dated 12/20/01 with conditions including:

- Weekly monitoring reports during remediation to be submitted to the City of Milford.
- a \$6,665.00 permit condition bond for the costs of soil erosion and sedimentation controls as well as, boundary markers, and an as-built drawing including: the wetlands line, wetland 100' review area line, drains, outlets, building, utility, wetland boundary marker locations.
- PVC 2-rail fencing or similar not prone to rotting to be installed at the proposed elevation 120' with boundary markers
- Wildlife/wildflower seed mixture to be planted from elevation 120' to the wetland line

- The proposed pavilion to be moved as far out of the 100' review area as feasible to be approved by MIWA Staff
 - The permit is issued 7/16/14 and expires on 7/16/19 unless otherwise provided by Statute.
 - That is my motion.
- The motion carried unanimously.

F. Minutes

A motion was made by Munson, seconded by DeFlumeri to approve the minutes of 07/02/14 as presented and carried unanimously.

G. Staff Report

- MaryRose is working with the Conservation District on 319 grant funds for stormwater retrofits in the Wepawaug River Watershed.
 - Sanitary Sewers Infills No 2 (Plains Rd/Shelland St/High St/White Oaks Ter) is ongoing.
 - Grove St Pump station and sewer project final paving and planting should be in the fall.
 - Indian River Interceptor has started mobilization waiting on a DEEP permit.
 - Sanitary Sewer Infill's No. 1 area is stabilized – waiting on asbuilt
 - Way Street is ongoing, work is ongoing drainage pipe is in and was inspected by their Engineer.
 - Burnt Plains Rd is ongoing – rain gardens have been dug but are not yet planted. MaryRose spoke with Scott Farquharson from Baybrook and he said the Church will be working on the planting and stabilization. He also said they did not have a CO yet; however there are children in the building with a pool table etc.
 - Westmoor Road has cleared, installed E&S and grass seed with an erosion control blanket.
 - Costco drainage improvement has started.
- Please remember to call or email if you are unable to attend a meeting.

H. Chairwomen's Report

The next regular meeting will be on 08/06/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.