

A. Roll Call

Present: Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Carol Dunn, Lily Flannigan, Steve Munson and Philip Zetye.

Absent: Cathy Collins, Brendan Magnan, Dave DeFlumeri and Daniel Schopick.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit.

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

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.

D. New Business

- 1. IW-A-16-041: 130 Coram Lane, Great River Golf Club** – proposed pond dredging with work and grading in and within 100' of wetlands and watercourses in the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this item is on the agenda for the first time and can be heard at the next meeting.

D. Old Business

- 1. IW-A-16-001: 226 Baxter Lane, Victor Rosado** – proposed addition, indoor basketball court, patio and pool with construction and grading in and within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Victor Rosado for two additions totaling 2,008 sq. ft. to the existing single family home, a 50' X 100' building for an indoor basketball court, a 30' X 22' in-ground pool, and an irregular patio expanded to roughly 100' X 40'. The proposed work requires the filling of 615 sq. ft. of wetlands, the temporary disturbance of 819 sq. ft. of wetlands for the construction. The applicant is proposing to enhance or create 11,416 sq. ft. of wetlands.

This application was received on 4/20/16 and the 65 day review was to expire on 6/22/16, an extension to 7/6/16 has been received.

At the last meeting Mr. Rosado stated that he would like to redesign the application. Codespoti & Associates is finalizing the alternative and Environmental Land Solutions will be submitting a letter. When the information is received it will be forwarded to the Board.

No action taken.

- 2. IW-V-16-026: 321 New Haven Avenue, Beach Bum Holdings** – deposition of soil and material with work in and within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the Indian River Watershed without a permit.

This is a violation for work within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed. At the 5/4/16 meeting the Agency upheld this violation and asked for additional information to be submitted by 8/1/16. No action taken.

3. **IW-V-16-027: 1646 New Haven Avenue, Judith K. Rosehill** - Deposition of soil and material with work in and within 100 ft. of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed without permit.

MaryRose reported that this is a violation for work within 100' of a wetland in the Oyster River Watershed. At the 5/4/16 meeting the Agency upheld this violation and deferred further action until the Southwest Conservation District and the City Engineer could review the site.

She walked the property on June 9th with Greg Pidluski, City Engineer and Roman Mrozinski of the Southwest Conservation District. The weather was clear and seasonable. They walked the site at 11:45 a.m., high tide was at 3:30 p.m. Grass seed and early grass was visible in the disturbed area but the soil was not very loamy. Mr. Pidluski expressed concerns about the area possibly being in the flood way and the need to stabilize the open bank and soils in the rear yard. Mr. Mrozinski suggested jute matting properly installed with salt tolerant plantings would help to stabilize the area. Both Mr. Pidluski and Mr. Mrozinski suggested that the CT-DEEP Office of Long Island Sound be consulted due to the location of the site. They also suggested that the property owner will need to consult an engineer to design the stabilization work along the Oyster River and in the flood zone. Reports are to be submitted to MaryRose and she will forward them to the board.

No action taken.

4. **IW-A-16-028: 70 Kay Avenue, City of Milford Board of Education** – proposed parking lot expansion with crossing, construction and grading in and within 100' of wetlands in the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal for a 40-space parking lot expansion at West Shore Middle School on Kay Avenue. The proposal is to disturb 2,141 sq. ft. of wetland for a crossing to access an upland area for parking necessitated by an expansion at the school. There is also approximately 20,285 sq. ft. of upland review area that will be disturbed for the proposed parking lot.

The Agency held a special meeting and site visit for the property on June 7th. The Agency reviewed the locations of the proposed parking lot and alternates A & B.

Bill Silver of Silver Petrucelli Associates and Don Smith, Jr. consulting Engineer were in attendance to present the application and answer questions.

Connors asked if they were crossing wetlands why not use areas A & B as well to meet the parking need. Silver stated that it is a balance of the budget and what the Building Committee asked for.

MaryRose asked why the primary was proposed with more impact verses A & B with less impact. Smith stated that the original plan was plan A; the neighbors are too close to the property and the neighbors met with the Building Committee and asked that they pursue other options. MaryRose noted that the neighbor has applied for permits to move off of the property.

Smith reviewed the improvements to the site; impervious to pervious areas and the only increase in pervious area is in the actual parking lot.

Zetye questioned what plan was being requested. MaryRose stated that they applied for the current plan that crosses the wetlands and have shown 3 alternatives. She further stated that the IWA needs to consider the proposal. Historically anytime fill in the wetlands is proposed, a Public Hearing is held. She reviewed reasons for a Public Hearing; a signed petition, public interest or significant impact. Cowden asked if there was any discussion on removing the existing tennis courts. Silver stated that there is not. MaryRose asked about mitigation for the crossing. Smith stated that they will be removing the 15" RCP, cleaning up 266 sq ft of wetlands, they will also be taking the footbridge out. They have a stormwater treatment area per City Engineer for water quality. Now it is designed for 1"; storage may be made larger if City Engineer requires. He has also asked for 3 stormceptors one in front of the school, one in the southeast corner and one in the new parking lot. MaryRose stated that this should cool off any heat from the parking lot. Smith agreed.

Dunn asked about a snow shelf. Smith showed areas around the proposed parking lot; there will be no curbing on the east side and a small shelf on the west side. Cowden asked about calculations for snow storage since there have been a lot of snow piles in recent years and he does not want this to go into the wetlands.

The following motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cowden:

I feel that the activity proposed in application IW-A-16-028: 70 Kay Avenue may have a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses and move that a public hearing be scheduled for 7/6/16.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. **IW-16-032: 553 West Avenue, Kingdom Life Church/City of Milford** – proposed replacement boardwalk and nature trail with construction, grading and filling in and within 150' of wetlands in the Beaver Brook Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal to replace the Boardwalk at the Beaver Brook open space area in the Beaver Brook watershed. The boardwalk burned down in 2012 in a brush fire. The applicant is proposing to restore the parking area with storm water management, regrading of the trail for handicapped accessibility, reestablish the boardwalk and manage invasive species. The work includes the disturbance of 8,000 sq. ft. of wetlands and 24,385 sq. ft. of upland review area. They are proposing to enhance or create 17,100 sq. ft. of wetland area.

The Agency walked the site on June 7th.

Mike Doherty of Milone & McBroom was in attendance to answer any questions.

Munson stated that the fire did a great deal of damage and this plan is mitigating that; which is positive but he feels a Public Hearing is needed. Cowden agrees. MaryRose asked that the applicant have a plan for deconstruction for the Public Hearing.

Dunn asked about the 200' in the beginning for handicap access and if it could be pervious verses concrete. Doherty stated that they are on a very tight budget and does not think that is possible. Dunn asked if the path would be open in the winter. Doherty stated that that would be a City decision but he does not think it would be shoveled. Connors stated that impervious would only work in a flat surface and this is a pitch. Cowden asked about an invasive management plan.

Zetye asked about the footings proposed. Doherty stated that there would be using helical piles; a steel shaft with screws along the edge that can screw down instead of a long concrete footing. This has less disturbance/impact. A Bobcat with a drill arm in front would be used. Cowden asked about longevity. Doherty stated that the steel shafts were meant for this condition; submerged in water.

The following motion was made by Connors and seconded by Cowden:

I feel that the activity proposed in application IW-A-16-032: 553 West Avenue may have a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses and move that a public hearing be scheduled for 7/6/16.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 6. IW-A-16-039: 0 Tanglewood Circle, Lot 28, April Culver Trustee** – proposed single family home with construction, grading and filling in and within 100' of wetlands in the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal for a single family home with construction, grading and fill in and within 100' of a wetland in the Housatonic River Watershed. This proposal is to fill 783 sq. ft. of wetland with 12,577 sq. ft. of work in the 100' upland review area for the construction of a house and yard and access to a septic system for a single family home. The applicant is proposing to use a rubble wall to delineate the edge of the filling and the wetland and to create 1,460 sq. ft. of mitigation wetlands. The Agency has received a petition with 45 signatures requesting a public hearing be held on this application.

The Applicant's Attorney has requested that the minutes from the public hearings and decisions on the two previous applications for this property (IW-A-15-017 & IW-A-15-064) be included in the record for reference. The Applicants Attorney has also requested that the fee for this application be waived.

The Agency walked this site on 7/7/15, 7/13/15 and 1/14/16.

Cowden asked if there is an additional plan / option for a smaller house or a smaller yard then that which is proposed. He is concerned with the encroachment of the wetland and referenced a project on Marion Avenue with a 9' side yard that was successful.

Munson stated that the question was raised about building in the wetlands. This proposal changes that, they took the building out of the wetlands and the portion of the wetlands to be filled is for lawn. Flannigan asked if this plan will have any affect on the plan that was approved for lot 29. Also, a 3' fence should be shown on top of the wall as that was required in lot 29's conditions of approval. MaryRose stated that the proposed house is closer to the street.

The Agency walked the site on 07/07/15, 07/13/15 and on 01/14/16. There is an increased ratio of mitigation. Munson stated that the previous application had the creation between the houses and now they received a variance and moved it 10' and the house is smaller by 7'.
No action taken.

F. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cowden to accept the minutes of 5/31/16, 6/1/16, 6/7/16 Kay Ave. and 6/7/16 West Ave. as presented. The motion carried with Flannigan abstaining from the three site walks as she did not attend.

G. Staff Report

- Site Status:
 - Indian River Interceptor –work is ongoing.
 - 1595 Boston Post Rd project is ongoing.
 - 86 Old Field Lane is ongoing
 - 220 Rock Lane is ongoing
 - 605 Orange Ave is ongoing
 - Edgefield Avenue sewer work will start in the next few weeks.

Work is complete and mitigation bonds held on:

- Way Street bond held until fall 2018,
- West Main Street bond held until fall 2018. The spring mitigation inspection walk was last week; everything has come in nicely. There were a few invasive Norway Maples and knotweed but they are working to keep the created areas invasive free.
- 134-142 Old Gate Lane bond held until spring 2016.

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

F. Chair's Report

- The next regular meeting will be on July 06, 2016 and will also be a Public Hearing.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Connors, seconded by Dunn to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit