

Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on August 17, 2016.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Lily Flannigan, Brendan Magnan, Steve Munson.

Absent: Dave DeFlumeri, Carol Dunn, Daniel Schopick and Philip Zetye.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit.

Collins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.



C. Public Hearing

Collins reported that this is a public hearing. It is a formal proceeding, please respect the process by only speaking when you are called upon and giving your name and address for the record when you speak, spelling as necessary for the Recording Secretary. If you must talk to each other during the meeting, please be courteous and go outside in the hallway so as not to disturb the other members of the public and the Agency who would like to hear the presentation. Please silence cell phones.

Explanation of the Rules: The applicants will present any additional information, when they are finished the public may speak to any new information for and then against the application. The applicant will then rebut/answer the questions *after* all members of the public that wish to speak have spoken (there is no give and take between the applicant and the consultants), the public that has already spoken may then speak again to the issues that were covered. Then the public portion of the meeting will be over and the Agency will ask their questions of the applicant.

Please speak only to items in the jurisdiction of the MIWA – wetlands, watercourses and wetland habitat. Zoning issues are not under our review. Any other items we will ask you to stay on topic of wetlands or we ask that the next speaker be given the floor.

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.

Collins noted that the file contents list is in the file and available in the MIWA office.

MaryRose reported that the Agency received this application on 4/20/16 and walked the site on 5/31/16 and 7/20/16. This is the opening of the public hearing. The Agency has until September 21, 2016 to close this hearing.

Applicants' presentation: Tom Lynch, Lynch Trembicki & Boyton, Robert Wheway of Codespoti & Associates and Matt Popp of Environmental Land Solutions.

Bob Wheway, PE and Principal of Codespoti & Associates, reviewed that the property has 5.88 acres of land in the south central shoreline watershed. The existing house was built in 2013. Speaking to SP1 existing conditions map was reviewed. Otto Theall delineated the wetlands in 2015 and his report is part of the file. 84% of the property is wetlands. A stone retaining wall borders the property and ranges from 6-8' in height. The wetlands have a flat topography; this was reviewed on the plan as well as the drainage flow to Calf Pen Meadow.

Sheet SP2 was reviewed; the proposed development. There will be 2 building additions that equal 2,000 sq. ft., expansion of the patio and a new pool.

The meeting was interrupted by custodian Kevin stating that the notice of the meeting stated that this meeting was in the Board of Education meeting room. Two abutters came into the room and submitted letters sent by applicant noting that meeting was in BOE meeting room. Collins read the abutting landowner letter from the applicant into the record. It was deemed that this was a failure of notification and that the Public Hearing would have to be rescheduled. A discussion followed regarding dates. The public hearing was continued to 9/21/16 in a room to be determined; the Board of Education Room if it is available. Matt Popp, Environmental Land Solutions, submitted his mitigation plan dated 8/17/16.

D. Public Comments

None.

E. New Business

1. **IW-A-16-051: 780 North Street, City of Milford** – proposal to do maintenance dredging on Eisenhower Park Pond with work in and within 150' of a wetland and watercourse within the Wepawaug River Watershed.

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

2. **IW-A-16-052: 0 Daniel Street, City of Milford** – proposal to do maintenance dredging on Stonebridge Pond with work in and within 150' of a wetland and watercourse within the Wepawaug River Watershed.

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

3. **IW-A-16-053: 0 North Street, City of Milford** – proposal to do maintenance dredging on the Upper Duck Pond with work in and within 150' of a wetland and watercourse within the Wepawaug River Watershed.

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

4. **IW-A-16-054: 110 River Street, City of Milford** - proposal to do maintenance dredging on the Lower Duck Pond with work in and within 150' of a wetland and watercourse within the Wepawaug River Watershed.

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

F. Old Business

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

MaryRose reported that a meeting is tentatively set for 09/19/16 to meet again on site with John Gaucher from CT DEEP OLIS. The City Engineer and the Zoning Officer are to review the options for bringing the site into compliance.

2. **IW-A-16-045: 553 West Avenue, Grillo Services, LLC** – proposal for 342 apartments in two buildings with associated parking, access drives and grading with work in and within 150' of wetlands in the Beaver Brook Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Grillo Services, Inc. for a 342-unit apartment complex with two parking garages and a bridge with 0.09 acres of wetland proposed to be disturbed and 5.45 acres of upland review area proposed to be altered. This proposal is located on the northern portion of the Kingdom Life parcel on West Avenue adjacent to I-95, West Avenue and Schoolhouse Rd.

At the last meeting the Agency scheduled a site walk for Wednesday, 8/24 at 3pm. The Agency also scheduled a public hearing for 9/7/16 in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Please let the office know if you have any questions or if there is any information you would like to see for the Public Hearing on 9/7/16. She has requested that the City Engineer review the application last week and asked that his report be submitted by the public hearing. No action taken.

G. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to accept the minutes of the 8/3/16 meeting as presented. The motion carried with Cowden abstaining.

H. Staff Report

Site Status:

- Indian River Interceptor –work is complete on New Haven Av and Old Gate Lane. The paving should be complete this week. Work to abandon old lines and structures in the Gulf Pond Marsh is also almost complete.
- 1595 Boston Post Rd project is ongoing.
- 86 Old Field Lane is ongoing
- 220 Rock Lane is ongoing
- 605 Orange Ave is ongoing – The project needed additional loss areas for soil excavated to install the site drainage. MaryRose reviewed and approved an additional area between the last berm and the tree line – approximately 70-80' from the wetland line. There is a stone wall and the tree line between the loss area and the wetland.
- Edgefield Avenue sewer lining project is nearly complete – DOT is currently milling and paving in that area.

Work is complete and mitigation bonds held on:

- Way Street bond held until fall 2018
- West Main Street bond held until fall 2018.

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

I. Chair's Report

The next meeting will be a site walk on 8/24/16. We will meet / park by the pump station on West Avenue and access the trail from there. There will be a public hearing for 553 West Avenue on September 7 in the Board of Education Meeting Room.

Please let the office know if you cannot attend and get any questions you have on the applications to MaryRose so that she can forward them to the applicants.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. was made by Connors, seconded by Cowden and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.