

A. Roll Call

Present: Brendan Magnan, Daniel Bedeker, Jim Connors, Dave DeFlumeri, Heather Donaldson-Gladue and Steve Munson.

Absent: Ranjit Bhawe, Matthew Connors and Jason Zammiello.

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. Old Business

1. **IW-A-20-0092: 352 Wheelers Farms Road, Cornerstone Christian Center, Inc.** – proposed parking area with construction grading and stormwater within 150' of wetlands in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by the Cornerstone Christian Church for a 97-space parking lot with underground stormwater detention and a retaining wall within 150' of a wetland in the Wepawaug River watershed. The closest point of the proposed work is the retaining wall within 9.2' of wetland flag 14 in the rear / western portion of the site. Stormwater is proposed to be collected in catch basins to underground galley systems with level spreader overflows upgradient of the wetlands. No wetlands are proposed to be filled for this application. Scott Stevens of Soil Science and Environmental Services located the wetlands on July 8, 2019. Ron Wassmer of CT Civil Group is the Engineer on the project. The Agency received the application at the 1/20/21 meeting. At that meeting they reviewed a video taken 1/20/21 submitted by Mr. Wassmer showing the wetland flags in relation to the proposed retaining wall. They have included the CT DEET turtle protocol to protect threatened and endangered species found on an adjacent site. A fence is proposed between the wetlands and the parking lot with signage for no snow storage or push and an educational sign for the wetlands. The City Engineer requested additional information on snow storage.

Wassmer addressed the City Engineer's letter. He noted that the stormwater mitigation was found satisfactory and that the City Engineer concurs with the stormwater design. Wassmer reviewed item S from the City Engineers memo which was a request to address snow stockpile areas and provide storage volume calculations to accommodate a 6" snowfall. The City Engineer also had concerns that the snow stockpiles were on curbed areas and the plows would need to get the snow up over the curbs to those areas. Wassmer stated that he had not created a study for a 6" snowstorm. The curbs are 6" curbs which snowplows can be raised to provide access to the snow stockpile areas. The 97 spaces requested are not required by Zoning. At the Church's discretion, spaces 87 and 88 at the northwest corner, can be assigned to stockpile snow from a large event. The Church's goal was to achieve as many parking spaces as possible for their patrons. The loss of a few spaces for a few weeks in the event of a large snow event can be accommodated. The snow can be trucked offsite to approved locations (ex. Eisenhower Park) for larger events.

Connors stated that he feels the issues have been addressed, and based on his experience, are sufficient. Munson agreed and asked if the sumps in the catch basins have been addressed per the City Engineer's letter. Wassmer stated that it has been addressed.

Magnan stated that tonight the Agency can:

- Ask questions.
- Ask for further information.
- Approve the application.
- Deny the application.
- Take no action.

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

After duly considering all relevant factors, I move to approve application IW-A-20-0092 352

Wheeler's Farms Rd for a parking area with construction grading and stormwater based on the plans entitled "*Site Plan, 352 Wheeler's Farms Road, Milford, Connecticut*" by CT Civil Group, 8 sheets, dated 12/02/20 rev 1/8/21, the information in the file and presented this evening, for the following reasons:

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

With conditions including:

- The Permittee must submit a construction plan *prior* to taking out the permit.
- Soil Erosion and Sedimentation controls as outlined on the plans and in the CT DEP "2002 *Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines*" must be installed and maintained on the site until the property is stabilized.
- Wetland notification to be placed on the asbuilt and in the property deed to give notification to property owners that permits are required from the MIWA to work on the site. Documentation to be submitted to the MIWA office prior to bond release.
- Stormwater treatment must be installed as approved on the plans unless any changes are approved in writing *prior to making that change*.
- a bond of \$11,304.50 must be posted with the MIWA for S&E controls, border plantings, wetland boundary markers and an asbuilt showing finished 2' contours and locating all site structures.

- The permit is issued 2/03/21 expires 2/03/26 unless otherwise provided by Statute.
That is my motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

E. New Business

1. **IW-PA-21-0006: 37 Brewster Road, Matthew Imperato** - Proposed 18' round above ground pool and 5' X 12' attached deck with work within 100' of wetlands in the South-Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Matthew Imperato of 37 Brewster Rd for an 18' round above ground pool and an attached 5' X 12' deck. The pool is proposed approximately 11' from the wetlands on the property. The deck will attach to the existing deck and the pool. They are proposing to use a cartridge filter and understand that pool water cannot be discharged to the wetland. They are proposing to install the pool this spring. Soil excavated for the pool installation will not be disposed of in or adjacent to the wetlands without additional permitting. This pre-application can be considered a use permitted as of right under the MIWA Regulations and is before you this evening due to the proximity to the wetlands. MaryRose has worked with Mr. Imperato on the proposed location of the pool to limit potential impacts. He is here this evening to answer any questions.

Magnan asked the Imperato's if they understood MaryRose's review of the restrictions. Mr. and Mrs. Imperato replied that they understood. MaryRose stated that this proposal would have minimal impact and would use a cartridge filter; there will be no need for backwash. DeFlumeri questioned the 5' proposed additional deck. MaryRose stated that the deck is for ease of access to the pool from the existing deck.

MaryRose stated that this is a pre-application, this evening the Agency can:

- Ask questions.
- Ask for further information.
- Require a full application.
- Issue a Jurisdictional Ruling
- Take no action.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri that the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-21-0006 37 Brewster Rd for the installation of 18' round above ground pool and 5' X 12' attached deck as shown on the drawing in the file. 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.

F. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to accept the minutes of 01/20/21 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Staff Report

- MaryRose thanked everyone who sent changes to the Commissioner Synopsis sheets. She will send it out with the next Agenda.
- The office continues to be with busy. DPLU is assisting with phones and clerical support until Barbara's position can be replaced. We have had a number of complaints come in and we are working through them to bring before the board.
- We continue to work with Muncity, the permitting software vender, to incorporate the MIWA applications into the online permitting request system – City Squared.

Site Status:

- Flax Mill Lane Bridge construction is complete. They will likely need to reseed the area in the spring.
- 0 Tanglewood Circle –mitigation monitoring is ongoing we have received 3/10 reports (monitoring anticipated through 2023). Minor work to remove invasives was required from the December 19 monitoring report. Next report is due in Fall 2020. Removal of invasive was recommended by the site monitor. Permit holder removed but they grew back. He said he would remove them again and ensure the tree gets replanted to be reported on in the November inspection. Waiting on report.
- Terrace Rd is ongoing
- Wheelers Woods – ongoing
- Beaver Brook Boardwalk – boardwalk and parking lot complete. Rain garden to be completed in the spring.
- Florence Av is ongoing – stone swale and galleys are installed waiting on asbuilt.
- French Drive Fields – ongoing
- Lansdale Av Fields – ongoing
- 30 Bridgeport Av – ongoing
- 17 Maddox Av – ongoing
- 31 & 33 Pearl St – ongoing
- Sewer lining under Stonebridge Pond – ongoing.
- Gulf Pond Pump Station maintenance – ongoing.
- 63 Westmoor Road – permit taken out.

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

H. Chair Report

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.

The next meeting will be February 17, 2021 via ZOOM. Please let the office know if you cannot attend.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.