

Minutes of the Regular Meeting (via ZOOM) of the Inland Wetlands Agency on September 16, 2020.

A. Roll Call

Present: Brendan Magnan, Daniel Bedeker, Ranjit Bhawe, Jim Connors, Matthew Connors, Dave DeFlumeri, Scott Marlow, and Steve Munson.

Absent: Ken Cowden 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.

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C. Public Comments

None.

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D. Old Business

1. **IW-A-20-065: 161 West Rutland Road, Rhode Island Lights, LLC** – proposed 14 lot subdivision with a stream crossing and work in and within 150' of wetlands and Beaver Brook in the Housatonic River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is an application by Lenny Addario of Rhode Island Lights, LLC for a 14 lot subdivision with construction, grading and a stream crossing of Beaver Brook in the Housatonic River Watershed. This is a 13.52 acre parcel with one existing dwelling, barn and garage on the property. There is a farm culvert currently crossing Beaver Brook, a portion of the property is wooded, and the remainder is mowed.

The Agency walked the site this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. The weather was clear and seasonable. The Agency looked at the area of the proposed stream crossing and the areas with work proposed closest to the resource.

The applicant, Lenny Addario, is in attendance to present the application and answer any questions along with his Engineer, Fred D'Amico and his Certified Professional Soil Scientist, Steve Danzer; they were also present at the site walk.

MaryRose said that she had received the a question on how the homes will be heated. If it is oil where will the oil tanks be located and how will the Brook be protected from a failure of one of these tanks?

MaryRose said that at last meeting the Applicant's Engineer had stated that the Stormceptors for the catch basin would be maintained by Public Works (DPW), as they will be in a City street. MaryRose spoke with DPW and they said that Milford does not currently have or maintain Stormceptor units on City Streets. This proposal has not been reviewed and approved by DPW at this time.

Addario stated that the houses will use natural gas; approved by the Southern CT Gas Company. There will be no oil tanks on site. D'Amico stated that they will have to wait and see if Public Works has a problem with the right of way and if not, this may be the homeowners' responsibility.

Munson stated that at the last meeting, Bhave questioned the structural stability of the pipes. D'Amico stated that a 30" culvert crosses the road to the catch basin then to two 15" pipes and then a 30" pipe. A standard catch basin structure is to be used. There will be Class 5 pipes per the City Engineer in order to withstand the load for the road. Bhave stated that he is satisfied; his concern has been addressed.

Marlow questioned the conservation easement and if anything is going to be done to it and who maintains it. D'Amico stated that usually it will be left to go natural; so it would be maintenance free except the shrubs to be planted and the homeowner would be responsible for the shrubs. Danzer stated that a management plan could be created with the goal to keep a handle on the invasives as there is a lot of ragweed in the field area over the crossing. Or there could be a passive approach and let it go natural. Magnan stated that he would like to see a plan and as a condition that there be clean equipment used so as to not bring in contaminants; the area needs to be self-contained. MaryRose stated that whoever receives the easement would be responsible for the long-term care; if a tree fell, etc. Munson asked if there would be an Association. Magnan stated that there would not be; there would be property owners. MaryRose stated that if the easement is to go to the City of Milford; there should not be an intrusion. This needs to be part of the deed with specifics listed. They are proposing a fence and plantings, but it is currently a mowed field and homeowners may feel that they could use it. D'Amico stated that he would recommend a sample deed.

Magnan asked about adverse impacts, wetlands values and net improvement. Danzer stated that he was not retained to produce an environmental report but stated that the intermittent watercourse is a brook. It was trickling in January and almost never flows. It might have been a watercourse at some point. At some point it was tunneled; there are no underlying wetlands. Its purpose is to connect the storm water drainage and feels the applicant is being fairly generous with the conservation area. This is a fairly flat site and he does not see hydrologic effects.

M. Connors asked about the plantings along the sides of the conservation easement and if the City Engineer's concerns have been satisfied. D'Amico stated that this is in process;

a few more items need to be addressed. The Town Planner recommended changing trees per Milford.

Marlow asked about the temporary detention basin and if there would be sequencing. D'Amico stated that there would be sequencing and the mitigation is so once the site is all built there will be enough detention. However, per the City Engineer, if the road is complete and not the houses, there needs to be detention for that temporary time until the houses are built. Then lot 4 will be constructed as the last lot and then it can be filled in as it won't be needed. MaryRose stated that invasive control would be a good goal.

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Magnan asked about the City Engineer's issues. D'Amico stated that they will be addressed by the next meeting and they will come up with a plan for invasives.

MaryRose stated that there have been no inquiries for a Public Hearing and she recommends no action at this time. J. Connors and Marlow agreed that there is no need for a Public Hearing.

No action taken.

E. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to accept the minutes of the 09/02/2020 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried with Magnan abstaining.

F. Staff Report

- The office continues to be busy with inquiries and some damage from the August storm in the wetlands and minor reviews for pools, sheds, decks, and minor addition reviews.
- Please let the office know what each IWA member's preferred method of plan review is. If you would like paper sets of plans on all applications or just larger applications so that what you need to review the proposals is received.
- MaryRose has spoken to several people about proposed projects or modifications of old projects that will be coming in over the next several months.

Site Status:

- Flax Mill Lane Bridge is ongoing.
- 0 Tanglewood Circle –mitigation monitoring is ongoing we have received 4/10 reports (monitoring anticipated through 2023). Minor work to remove invasives was required from the June 20 monitoring report. Next report is due in Fall 2020. Removal of invasives was recommended by the Site Monitor. The Permit Holder removed them, 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.
- Terrace Rd is ongoing.
- Wheelers Woods – ongoing.
- Beaver Brook Boardwalk – ongoing.
- 63 Chester St is waiting on the asbuilt.
- Westmoor Rd is waiting on the final plantings and asbuilts.
- Sailor's Lane pump station has some stabilization and will be re-seeding in the fall.
- Daniels St (Stonebridge patio) received the asbuilt; need to review and inspect.
- Florence Av is ongoing – stone swale and galleys are installed, waiting on asbuilt.

- Platt Lane is ongoing.
- Live Oaks School parking area; waiting on the as built.
- Lansdale Ave fields – ongoing.
- 30 Bridgeport Avenue – will be taking their permit out tomorrow.

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

G. Chair Report

The next meeting will be October 07, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. 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 Munsonto adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.