

Minutes of the Special Meeting and Site Walk of the Inland Wetlands Agency on July 15, 2020 at 440 Wheelers Farms Road, Milford, CT.

A. Roll Call

Present: Brendan Magnan, Daniel Bedeker, Jim Connors, Scott Marlow, Steve Munson and Jason Zammiello.

Absent: Ranjit Bhawe, Matthew Connors, Ken Cowden and Dave DeFlumeri.

Also Present: MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit. Matt Sanford and Ted Hart.

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Magnan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and reviewed the guidelines of a site walk. Just a reminder to the Commissioners and to inform the Applicant and any members of the public that this is a Public Meeting, all questions must go through the Chair, everyone needs to stay together while viewing the property and there can be no discussion other than the location of the proposed work in relation to the wetlands line. All other questions must be taken up at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. this evening. While we need to stay together on the site, we will be adhering to the Governor's orders and wearing masks and social distancing of this meeting.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson for the Agency to act as a committee as a whole and to adjourn after the last question is answered. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Old Business

1. IW-A-20-037: 440 Wheelers Farm Road, SH Wheelers Farm Road, LLC – proposed parking lot expansion with work in and within 150' of wetlands in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose distributed reduced sized plans. The IWA entered the site at the North West corner. It was a seasonable, sunny day.

Ted Hart, Professional Engineer, oriented the site to the plans which began at the proposed basin expansion site. Standing water was viewed. Marlow asked for the distance of the proposed expansion. Hart stated that it was 50' from the edge of the water. Magnan asked about the wetlands flags. Matt Sanford, Soil Scientist, reviewed the plans and stated that the pond has a rip rap bottom which is hand made for storm water management. The plan is to cut the slope down and create more storage; they are not filling wetlands, they are not building a dam. Flag WA-27 was viewed. Marlow asked if the existing generators would be moved over. Hart stated that they would and will be larger and using natural gas. Sanford stated that they will be removing the phragmites. A fill pile was viewed that was discussed at the meeting. They feel it would cause more damage to remove. The plan is to add 6 parking spaces at this location by Flag W-17. A tree to be removed was viewed.

The other parking expansion area was viewed that was near the sewer vent. A stone wall was viewed as orientation to the limit of the parking area.

The IWA proceeded to the wetlands area and this was oriented to the plan. The drainage flow was reviewed. Marlow asked about the existing manhole. This was viewed on the plan and deemed a sewer manhole.

The alternate parking area was viewed, that is closer to the road. This area would have a net gain of 10 parking spaces if used.

A parking deck was considered but deemed too costly.

107 spaces are proposed in the rear of the property.

There being no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.