

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on October 01, 2014.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Carol Dunn, Dave DeFlumeri, Lily Flannigan, Brendan Magnan, Justin Margeson and Steve Munson.

Absent: Alan Cegan and Richard Lutz.

Also Present: DPLU Director Joe Griffith, MaryRose Palumbo and Lisa Streit.

Collins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed Dunn and DeFlumeri the voting alternates.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

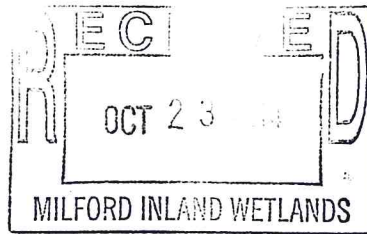
None.

D. New Business

- 1. IW-PA-14-058: 0 Cherry Street, City of Milford** – proposed maintenance and landscaping including biofiltration and rain garden with work within 150' of a watercourse in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by the Public Works Director in conjunction with the Southwest Conservation District to perform landscaping and maintenance in the Northeast portion of the park associated with City Hall Pond. The proposal is outlined on the maps you received in the mail last week. The plan is to use the plantings to stabilize and provide biofiltration and nutrient uptake adjacent to the River. A second phase of this project will be to retrofit the catch basins in this area with deep sumps and hooded outlets to remove sediment and debris from the stormwater as well as add tree filters along the West River Street side of the Pond to pre-treat the water entering the River from West River Street. The Director of Public Works, Chris Saley was in attendance to answer any questions.

Flannigan asked if this project would deter geese. Saley stated that there is a geese issue all over town. It is a major issue with health concerns. He is working on addressing it but there are competing interests involved. Signage has been placed at the Ponds. MaryRose stated that grass along the edge will deter the geese and further stated that a local resident has written a book about the problem of feeding bread to birds etc and copies are at the library and the elementary schools. Saley stated that he is hoping to eventually dredge the area as a long term plan.



Magnan stated that he likes the design of the plan and feels that it is really well conceived. Collins stated that it is a great attribute to down town.

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

That the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-14-058 0 Cherry St, for landscaping and maintenance based on the plans entitled "*City Hall Pond Riparian Buffer, Milford, CT*" by Site Systems Inc., 1 sheet dated 9/23/14 the information in the file and presented this evening. *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.

2. IWA-PA-14-060: 0 Old Field Lane and 0 Buckingham Avenue, City of Milford, Department of Public Works – construction of a sidewalk from Wilcox Road to Buckingham Avenue with work within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Public Works Director Chris Saley for sidewalk construction from Wilcox Road to Old Field Lane to Buckingham Avenue. Mr. Saley had the wetlands flagged by Otto Theall, Professional Wetland Scientist, whose report was in your mail this evening. The wetlands in this area are mostly tidal with an area of inland wetlands near flags 201 to 204. The proposed side walk is a minimum of 5' wide. In some areas there will be a combined curb and sidewalk in others it there will be a curb, snow shelf then sidewalk. At the closest point the proposed sidewalk is 7' from the inland wetland line. There is a photo sheet going around showing the location of wetland flags 201 & 203. (A portion of the proposed sidewalk is closer than 7' but that portion of the line is a tidal wetland and is reviewed by DEEP-OLIS. Mr. Saley was present to answer any questions.

MaryRose noted that the only flags that the MIWA can regulate for wetlands are flags 201-204. While the proposed sidewalk is adjacent to a pipe between Wilcox Rd and Overhill Rd those have been defined as Tidal wetlands that are regulated by DEEP-OLIS.

Saley stated that they are putting in sidewalks with the goal of making safe areas for children and families to walk. Collins stated that there is an old catch basin in this area and asked if it could be replaced with the sidewalk project. Saley stated that he could make arrangements for that. MaryRose stated that the catch basin might have been updated with the sewer project and will look into this. Collins asked that provisions be made to prevent plowed snow from being put into the wetlands and that salt runoff concerns be addressed. Magic salt and brine mix were discussed. Saley stated that they are looking at different salt options for the winter season. DeFlumeri asked about a ramp for handicap access. Saley stated that the goal is ADA compliance throughout the city.

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

That the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-14-060: 0 Old Field Ln & 0 Buckingham Av for the construction of a sidewalk based on the plans entitled "*Proposed Sidewalk Plan Old Field Lane and Buckingham Avenue, City of Milford Department of Public Works. Milford, Connecticut*" by City of Milford Engineering Bureau, 1 sheet dated 9/2014, the information in the file and presented this evening. *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses.*
The motion carried unanimously.

3. **IW-A-14-052: 876 East Broadway, Standish Construction** – proposed construction of single family home with work within 100' of a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this item is on the agenda for the first time and can be heard at the 10/15/14 meeting.

4. **IW-A-14-053: 874 East Broadway, Standish Construction** - proposed construction of single family home with work within 100' of a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

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E. Minutes

It was noted that Munson was absent at the meeting of 9/3/14. A motion was made by Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri to accept the minutes of 9/3/14 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Staff Report

Next time you are by the Parson's Building please take a look at the Rain garden installation on the West Main and West River Street sides of the building. This work was done through the Southwest Conservation District with 3.19 funds and matching man-hours from the City of Milford. This area can now act as a demonstration site for developers and homeowners. All of the work for the Rain Garden proposal at the Parson's Building was outside of the 150' upland review area.

UConn Clear LUA training is scheduled for October 9 & 29 in the BOE meeting Room from 6:30 to 8:30pm and will cover Legal aspects, roles and responsibilities and map reading. (already signed up are Carol Dunn, David DeFlumeri, Brendan Magnan, Al Cegan, and Jim Connors for 10/9).

CACIWC annual meeting is Saturday November 15th and usually runs from 8:30 until 4. I will get the sign-up information to you as soon as it is available. (already signed up is: Al Cegan).

MaryRose encouraged members to attend these training sessions and to let the office know plans of attendance for registration.

- Sanitary Sewers Infills No 2 (Plains Rd/Shelland St/High St/White Oaks Ter) is ongoing.
- Grove St Pump station and sewer project waiting on final stabilization.
- Indian River Interceptor has started. They constructed the wastewater storage area on Old Gate Lane and a water treatment area in the island at Old Gate Lane and New Haven Av. Some of the E&S were not to the manual and I have requested that they fix those portions of the E&S. All wastewater from this project will be discharged into the sanitary sewer.
- Sanitary Sewer Infill's No. 1 area is stabilized – waiting on asbuilt
- Way Street work is ongoing,
- Burnt Plains Rd is waiting on plantings, rain gardens and bollards.
- Westmoor Road work is ongoing.
- West Main Street is ongoing.

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

G. Chairwoman's Report

Collins strongly encouraged all members to attend the upcoming training sessions.

The next regular meeting will be on 10/15/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.