

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on August 06, 2014.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Carol Dunn, Lily Flannigan, Richard Lutz, Justin Margeson and Steve Munson.

Absent: Allan Cegan, Ken Cowden, Dave DeFlumeri, and Brendan Magnan.

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

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

**B. Pledge**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Public Comments**

None.



**D. Old Business**

- IW-A-14-035: 0 Forest Road, Two-Ninety Six, LLC** – proposed single family home with work within 100’ of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Greg Field & Angelo Lisi of Two-Ninety-six, LLC for a single family home on a rear lot with construction, grading and drainage within 100’ of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed. An application similar to this was approved by the MIWA in 2000 but that approval has lapsed. Mr. Field and Mr. Lisi had the wetlands on the site reflagged for this application. Scott Stevens of Soil Science and Environmental Services found the line further to the south than recorded in the previous application. They have proposed a smaller house closer to the Southern property line and within 10’ of the wetland. The proposed grading is within 23’ of the wetland line. The applicants are proposing a split rail fence along the Southern edge of the wetland with roof drainage to the wetland through a rip rap energy dissipater. They are working to obtain an easement to move the driveway off of the lot to share a portion of the driveway with the adjacent property owners existing driveway. Greg Field and Angelo Lisi were in attendance to present the project and answer any questions.

Greg Field stated that this site was approved in 2000 and he is looking to reinstate the permit. He noted a similar situation last month with the YMCA. MaryRose stated that there is no reinstating a permit; it is to issue a new permit.

Field stated that they are basically looking for the same permit as the last time this Board approved this application. They have moved the driveway further away from the wetland than was previously approved. Referring to sheet 1 of 1 of the site plan; Field pointed to wetlands flags 6-14 as the area the former driveway was adjacent to. Field stated that he has spoken to the neighbor for the other rear lot (#331 Forest Rd) and he is hoping to merge the driveways and fix the current encroachment the neighbor has onto 325 Forest Road. The other rear lot (#331) does not currently have city water and sewer so he is hoping to work with them to bring city water and sewer into them when he brings it in for this lot, trading for the use of one gravel driveway in order to pull the driveway away from the wetland area.

Collins stated she feels that a site walk is necessary.

Field stated that it is difficult to walk and is very densely vegetated. They have positioned the house to keep the rear yard high and dry. He stated he discussed a proposed location for a deck with MaryRose. Originally he had thought about putting it on the wetlands side similar to the house he did at 231 Meadowside Road. He needs to keep with the 40' setback for Zoning. He also is considering flipping the driveway to the Southern side of the lot. He stated if he moves it to the East/right then it would be a 12' X 16' deck with two sono-tubes and stairs going towards the Southern side of the house.

Collins asked about the split rail fence he is proposing between the house and the wetland. In the past the Agency has discussed vinyl fences vs wood due to a concern that the wooden posts will rot out. With the deck adjacent to the wetland and the drywell location leading into the wetland, there is a concern people will encroach into the wetlands in that area.

Field stated that he is considering moving the deck but needs to be aware of the zoning setback lines for the house and deck. His thought was to move the deck towards the wetland to give privacy to the homeowners of both this lot and #331.

Lutz asked what the distance between Wetland Flag 20 and the Northern side of the house is. Field and MaryRose determined it was about 10'.

Dunn asked if the existing owner is agreeable to a shared driveway. Field stated that they are in discussions with the adjacent owner now.

Field stated that the Agency will be able to walk around where the proposed house is and see the wetland area closest to the house. Collins asked that the applicant have the house corners and the deck corners located. MaryRose stated that the applicant needs to stake the corners of the house and the deck adjacent to the wetlands



Munson asked MaryRose if this was a functional wetland. MaryRose reviewed the flow and noted that this is the rear of Smith's property.

Connors asked about any conditions for the previous permit. MaryRose stated that the IWA required rocks at the curve in the driveway and a split rail fence and plantings along the remainder of the driveway. Munson asked if the wetlands delineations were current. MaryRose stated that they are and were flagged a few weeks ago.

Munson noted a sliver parcel that is land locked on the location map between # 30 Cedar Hill and this lot. He asked for clarification of the sliver lot to the Eastern side of the wetland. He is concerned due to the proximity of the wetlands to that lot.

Dunn asked if the driveway is flat. Field stated that the driveway is mostly flat with a few 4" pipes leading to the wetland from the Viniczay's property.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Dunn that a site visit be held on 8/19/14 at 4:30 p.m. for this site. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Minutes**

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to accept the minutes of the 7/16/14 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **F. Staff Report**

- MaryRose is working with the Conservation District on 319 grant funds for stormwater retrofits in the Wepawaug River Watershed.
- Sanitary Sewers Infills No 2 (Plains Rd/Shelland St/High St/White Oaks Ter) is ongoing.
- Grove St Pump station and sewer project final paving and planting should be in the fall.
- Indian River Interceptor has started mobilization.
- Sanitary Sewer Infill's No. 1 area is stabilized – waiting on asbuilt
- Way Street is ongoing, work is ongoing.
- Burnt Plains Rd is ongoing construction appears complete waiting on plantings, rain gardens and bollards.
- Westmoor Road is ongoing
- Costco drainage improvement has started there was a hold up due to material availability.

Public Works was working on:

- Old Field Lane sidewalks; they were told to cease work and they had to come before the IWA. This will be coming for the next meeting.

- Invasive Vegetation Removal and geese control at Fowler. They were told IWA and DEP approval is required for clearing in/adjacent to the tidal area. Temporary fencing was installed to help with geese control.
- Collins asked about the Devon Power Plant. MaryRose stated that this was on hold due to the osprey.
- Munson asked about the 211 West River Street and 37 Lakeside Road. MaryRose stated that these are at the City Attorney's office and she will follow up with them.

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**G. Chairwoman's Report**

None.

The next regular meeting will be on 8/20/14. There will be a site walk on 8/19/14.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.