

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on August 20, 2014.

A. Roll Call

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

Absent: Allan Cegan.

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

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

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.



D. New Business

- IW-PA-047: Old Field Lane, City of Milford Department of Public Works –** construction of a 6' wide combination curb and sidewalk from Gulf Street to the City of Milford Pump Station then a separate curb and sidewalk from the Pump Station to the City owned Open Space with an apron with work within 100' of a wetland in the Indian River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is an after the fact permit request from Public Works Director Chris Saley for an approximately sidewalk and 17' stormwater drainage pipe extension along wetlands on Old Field Lane. At MaryRose's request Mr. Saley had the wetlands flagged by Otto Theall, Professional Wetland Scientist, on 8/6/14 and his report was received today and has been distributed. The wetlands in this area are tidal with an area of inland wetlands near flags 123 – 126. Mr. Saley stated that he did not realize that a permit was required to do the work.

Saley stated that this is a well traveled street with a lot of families and is a safety issue. He stopped work once it was brought to his attention that a permit was needed. MaryRose reviewed/oriented the plans and noted that L2 and L5 shows a stonewall that would also protect the wetlands. Lutz asked if the sidewalk goes into the wetlands. MaryRose stated that it does not and is 10' away. Magnan asked if the storm drain on the plan is new and would like to know the closest points to the wetlands and the potential effects to such. MaryRose stated that

when this was first plotted it was in the middle of the sidewalk. The area is fairly stable and flows into the wetland and then to Gulf Pond.

The following motion was made by Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri:
I move that the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-14-047, Old Field Lane for the installation of sidewalks as shown on the drawing entitled "Right of Way and Wetlands Survey, Old Field Lane, Milford, CT" by the City of Milford Engineering Bureau, 2 sheets dated 8/18/14. The action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Old Business

- 1. 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 expired. The Agency walked the property yesterday (8/19/14) and the weather was clear and seasonable.

Mr. Field and Mr. Lisi have submitted a revised map dated 8/19/14 showing the changes to the house location and deck that they discussed at our last meeting. The distances for the proposed improvements to the wetland line are now: Grading 2'/44', Driveway 38', Sewer line 24', Deck 18', House 19.9', Roof drainage discharge 0'.

The plan shows grading for a new elevation 89 in the Western side of the wetland. There doesn't appear to be a need to work in this area, the silt fence is the limit of construction and this is well behind the silt fence line.

At the last meeting Munson had a question about an apparent landlocked sliver parcel between this lot and #30 Cedar Hill Rd as shown on the location map portion of the submitted plan. Paul Stowell, the licensed Land Surveyor who created the map stated that the line is a zone line not a parcel line. He thinks that the sliver of land is the change in zoning not the change in parcel owners. It becomes clear on the GIS map that Nancy Smith owns the whole abutting parcel.

Mr. Field has stated that they were working to obtain an easement to move the driveway off of the lot to share a portion of the driveway with the property owner at #331 existing driveway. The proposal before the Agency does not show a driveway on the lot adjacent to the wetland. If an agreement isn't reached with the adjoining property owner the application will need to come

back before the Agency for approval of the driveway immediately adjacent to the wetland.

Lutz asked if there could be a water garden instead of going directly into the wetlands and referenced the church project. Munson stated that they are two very different projects and would kind of be re-engineering. Connors stated that this accomplishes the same thing; recharges the wetlands and roof drain is clean water. Collins stated that the driveway is still the issue. Lisi stated that he is pretty confident that this will go through and if not they will have to redo the driveway and noted that this was approved and the permit lapsed.

Connors stated that with a gravel driveway, when plowed, gravel will end up in the wetlands. MaryRose stated that with gravel there is some permeability. Dunn stated that there is a little slope on the driveway. Lisi stated that they are going to straighten out the driveway and will be digging for sewers. MaryRose stated that it is 38' and the sewer line is 24'. Connors stated then based on this, gravel would not be an issue. Munson asked about a pump. MaryRose stated that it is shown on the map near the end of the driveway. It was also noted that there will be a split rail fence.

Flannigan asked if there would be a grinder pump for both houses. Lisi stated that there would be. Lutz asked where the drainage pipes noted on the site walk at the driveway come from. Lisi stated that they are just drains for standing water and have been working; there are no issues and are not connected to anything.

The following motion was made by Connors and seconded by DeFlumeri:
I move that Application IW-A-14-035, 0 Forest Road, be approved based on the information in the file and presented this evening including the plans entitled "Site Plan the rear of 331 Forest Road, Milford, Connecticut" by Paul J. Stowell Land Surveying, 1 sheet dated 7/15/14 8/19/14 with a bond to be calculated and conditions including:

- The Permittee will submit a construction plan prior to taking out the permit.
- The proposed grading of elevation 89' to the West of the wetland will be removed.
- A \$8,060.00 permit condition bond for the costs of soil erosion and sedimentation controls as well as, boundary markers, fencing, plantings and an as-built drawing including: the wetlands line, wetland 100' review area line, drains, outlets, building, utility, wetland boundary marker locations.
- Decay resistant fencing to be installed as proposed on the above plan with boundary markers.
- Wildlife/wildflower seed mixture to be planted from the silt fence line to the driveway.
- Plantings to be installed at 5' intervals along the fence line.
- Weekly monitoring reports during construction to be submitted to the City of Milford.

- Any change in the driveway location will require further review by this Agency.
- The permit is issued 8/20/14 and expires on 8/20/19 unless otherwise provided by Statute.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Minutes

Dunn noted on the last page of the minutes of 8/6/14 that it should read fish and osprey verses osprey. A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Flannigan to accept the minutes of 8/6/14 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Staff Report

All of the work for the Rain Garden proposal at the Parson's Building is outside of the 150' upland review area and does not appear to have a significant impact on the Wepawaug River requiring review.

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 will be in the fall.

Indian River Interceptor has started construction of the wastewater storage area on Old Gate Lane. 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

Costco drainage is completed; grass is slowly coming in to stabilize the area.

West Main Street has started work.

MaryRose is working with a Girl Scout Troop that would like to do invasive removal, trail maintenance and planting at Wilcox Park for an award project. They will likely be presenting their project at the next meeting.

MaryRose and Barbara are working on bringing a UCONN Center for Land Use Education and Research – Land Use Academy training to Milford. In the past they were only held on Saturdays. They are looking at doing 1-2 nights of training locally. It is anticipated that training will be scheduled for October.

Collins asked about Lakeside Drive and Way Street. MaryRose will follow up on these.

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

H. Chairwoman's Report

Collins commended everyone on the site walk held on 8/19/14.

The next regular meeting will be on 9/3/14.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.