

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on September 03, 2014.

**A. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Richard Lutz and Steve Munson.

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 and Dunn the voting alternates.

**B. Pledge**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Public Comments**

None.

**D. New Business**

- 1. IW-PA-14-049: 57 New Haven Avenue, Girl Scouts of CT Troop 38305 –** proposed trail maintenance and invasive species removal with work within 150' of a wetland in the Wepawaug River Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is a proposal by Connecticut Girl Scout Troop 38305 to perform trail maintenance, invasive species removal and plantings in Wilcox Park. The work is within the upland review area with no work in the wetland or watercourse. Troop 38305 is here this evening to present their proposal with their leader Mary Tesla.

The Girls of Troop 38305 did their presentation:

Adison Foley, 20 Fenway South - Introduced the Troop and explained that they are working towards their Silver Award which must improve their community and demonstrate leadership ability.

Victoria Benedicto, 45 Dogwood Place - Explained what invasive species are and that their project will be focused on invasive species removal at Wilcox Park.

Alexis Berard, 175 Meadowside Rd – Explained that they will be pulling out the invasive plants removing them from the habitat and creating a meadow habitat.



Delia Eisenman, 41 Lafayette Street - They will educate the community about the negative impacts of invasive plants and of dumping garden waste in the area. Then they will create a pamphlet with illustrations of both the invasive plants that they are removing and the native species they will be planting. They will also make interpretive signage for the area.

Alaiana Robert, 51 Stevens Street, East Haven, CT - Then they will be planting native species purchased locally that will provide food for wildlife. This will encourage migratory birds to stop and rest here as Wilcox Park is on the fly way. They will be asking others from the community to participate and will work under the supervision of Steve Johnson and MaryRose Palumbo.

A list of the native plants was submitted and discussed; their display board with pictures was reviewed.

Collins asked who will be doing the work. Mary Tesla Troop Leader, 85 Viscount Drive, stated that there will be 8 girls and their parents and possibly other troops. Collins asked how the invasive plants will be disposed of once they are pulled. Mary Tesla stated that they will bag them, and Mr. Johnson will be taking care of disposal.

Steve Johnson, 76 Marshall St., stated that depending on the growth cycle of the invasives, if they are active, they will bag and dispose of them. The Department of Public Works will help to arrange for a transfer to the transfer station for the invasives that will spread by seeds or berries. Others that will not spread will be used to build habitat piles in other areas of the park.

Collins asked what the timing of the project is. Mary Tesla stated that they will be including boy scouts and other troops and family, Steve Johnson will supervise the removal and planting. 9/13/14 is the proposed date for pulling and then the soil will be tested and a plant date will be determined.

Flannigan asked to look at the display board of invasives that the Girls created.

MaryRose recommended that the Agency issue a Jurisdictional ruling for this pre-application.

The following motion was made by Connors, seconded by Cegan:  
That the Designated Agent issue a Jurisdictional Ruling for pre-application IW-PA-14-049 57 New Haven Av for trail maintenance and invasive species removal with work within 150' of a wetland in the Wepawaug River Watershed. *This action will not have an impact or effect on the physical characteristics of the adjacent wetlands and watercourses.*

The motion carried unanimously.

## 2. MIWA Proposed Meeting 2015 Dates

A calendar was distributed with next year's proposed meeting dates. All meetings are proposed to be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri to accept the 2015 MIWA meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## F. Minutes

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by DeFlumeri to accept the minutes of 8/19/14 and 8/20/14 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## G. Staff Report

- MaryRose is working with the Conservation District on 319 grant funds for stormwater retrofits in the Wepawaug River Watershed. 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. Connors suggested power washing the building while it is exposed. MaryRose will forward this to the Public Works Director.
- There is a UConn Clear LUA training proposed 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. The CACIWC annual meeting is Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> and usually runs from 8:30 until 4. MaryRose will get the sign-up information to Commissioners as soon as it is available. Members are encouraged to attend these training sessions.
- 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 driving sheeting. They constructed the wastewater storage area on Old Gate Lane, some of the E&S were not to the manual and MaryRose has 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.
- Magnan clarified that the dates for training are a Thursday and a Wednesday not both Thursdays.

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

**H. Chairwoman's Report**

Collins strongly encouraged everyone to attend the training sessions stressing the importance to be knowledgeable and that the training is local.

The next regular meeting will be on 9/17/14.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.