

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MARCH 28, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Ashworth, Beglau, Williams, Block
Staff: Jones, Allen, Galetta

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. February 28, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 28, 2018, as written

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously.

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. IWA 18-03, Hickey Residence, Septic Repair, 341 Lambtown Road

Brynn and Francis Hickey, who are the property owners, explained to the Agency that their septic system is in need of repair. What currently exists is a 500-gallon tank which has weakened and caved in on itself. They are using only the leaching field at present for waste water. The plan is to crush and fill the deteriorated tank. It will be replaced with a 1000-gallon tank and infiltrators that are approximately 81' from the wetlands. Due to the required set back from the location of the well, this is the only option on the property for the new septic system. The Hickeys also noted that approximately 26 cubic yards will be excavated for the new system and placed on the driveway more than 100' from the wetlands. Silt fencing will be used at the wetlands perimeter during construction.

The Agency established with the applicant that the location was chosen because of the existing well. They noted that the system looks more extensive than the current system but acknowledged that with the infiltrators it should be a better system. It was also clarified that the tree line on the plan is accurate and noted that excavation will be done with a smaller type of backhoe.

Staff stated that the land is very flat with no drastic slope of any significance and that the entire project should only take a few days from start to finish.

MOTION: To classify the application as minor

Motion made by Block, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. IWA 18-02, Indoor Recreation Facility and Parking Area, 90 Leonard Drive

Staff noted the revised plans have been submitted; however, the engineer for the project is ill and is not be able to attend the hearing.

Staff explained that the building and parking are generally the same. The northern stormwater basin has been removed. A smaller area of parking will now drain through a grassed swale to the existing stormwater outfall for Leonard Drive. All the other comments from the staff review have been addressed and the Public Works Department has no concerns with the discharge into the Town easement. At this point they have not identified plant species for the eastern stormwater basin on the plan. Staff noted that the species may be adjusted to suit the groundwater level after the basin is finished.

MOTION: To approve the Indoor Recreation Facility application for the following reasons:

1. There is no loss of wetland or watercourse as a result of this project.
2. The applicant has designed the stormwater management system to adequately treat stormwater prior to discharge.
3. The erosion control plan will adequately protect the wetlands during construction.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions and the following modifications:

1. A planting schedule for the stormwater basin shall be placed on the plan. The plant species may be adjusted to suit the groundwater level after the basin is constructed.

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Scott noted his concern relative to an area of land on River Road that he described as “growing” due to periodic filling. He stated that it is now wide enough to park a trailer. Staff noted that the area is tidal water body. Staff will visit the site and report any unauthorized activity to the State.

2. Report of Staff

Staff addressed the concerns voiced by the Agency regarding East Farms Subdivision. Staff has been in communication with the developer and made a request for a re-planting plan, which has not yet been received. The next step in enforcement is a cease and desist order; however, staff has spoken to the developer Michael Franklin who has verbally committed to submitting a remediation plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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