

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
APRIL 26, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. April 12, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 12, 2017

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. IWA 17-01, School Street Water Main Replacement Project, 102 – 110 School Street and 6 – 8 Maple Avenue

Dan Sarentino, a soil scientist with Boundaries LLC, provided an introduction to the application for the Agency. David McKay, the Project Engineer, had a scheduling conflict but will be available at the next meeting to present the application. This is a proposal for the replacement of an existing water main. The original piping is 6” cast iron that has degraded over time and is currently undersized for fire protection. Additionally, it has experienced numerous failures over the last several years. The proposal is to replace it with new 8” HDPE plastic piping.

Sarentino delineated the wetland resources for the application and shared his findings with the Agency. The proposed work is in the upland review area of adjacent wetlands on private property. It does not include any activity within a wetland/watercourse. The new 8” HDPE line will run under the street. The existing cast iron line will be capped and left in place.

The activities planned within the upland review area include installation of sediment fence at the edge of pavement, providing inlet protection in all catch basins, installing a filtering method for dewatering wastewater, trenching for the new pipe within the pavement limits, and jacking the pipe where it must go under the Amtrak rail lines.

Notes and details associated with the dewatering will be provided on the plans. The project has been discussed with the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). The WPCA has authorized discharge of filtered wastewater from dewatering into the municipal sewer system if necessary. The work will

only take place within already accepted Town roads. Final restoration of the disturbed areas will include milling and repaving curb to curb.

The Agency had questions about the timeline and duration of the project. They also emphasized that the excavated material must stay on the road and no stockpiling on the side of the road should occur.

MOTION: To classify the application as Minor.

Motion made by Sutphen, second by Williams, so voted unanimously

Staff discussed a site walk with the Agency and noted that he had made a site walk of his own prior to the meeting. The Wetlands and stream are very visible from the road. The Agency determined that a site walk was unnecessary.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair – None
2. Report of Staff

Staff noted he has had preliminary discussions for two future projects that will require a Wetlands application. The two are Old Mystic Fire Department on Cow Hill Road for increased parking and Advantage Personal Training on Gold Star Highway also to increase parking.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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