

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
JUNE 27, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. June 13, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 13, 2018, as written.

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Receipt of New Applications – None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. IWA 18-05, Singer Residence Septic Repair, 28 South Road

Staff noted that the applicant was not available at the meeting to present the application. The Agency determined that it was comfortable with the application and did not need further information from the applicant to render a decision.

MOTION: To approve the Singer Septic Repair application for the following reasons:

1. There will be no loss of wetland or watercourse as a result of this project.
2. The sediment and erosion control plan will adequately protect the wetland during construction.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions.

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

2. IWA 18-06, Groton Bible Chapel Expansion, 66 Toll Gate Road

Staff review was held this week. The application will be presented at the next meeting. A site walk is scheduled for July 9 and a reminder will be forwarded.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. East Farms Subdivision Lot 3 Restoration

Michael Franklin, owner of Lot 3 in the East Farms Subdivision, presented a completed restoration plan to the Agency. He noted the plan mimics the previously discussed invasive plant eradication plan and timing and expands upon it. A boulder barrier will be created near the wetlands with on-site materials. The upland area to the east will be graded and seeded with contractor's mix grass to provide initial erosion control. The area to the west where invasive species such as Bittersweet and Japanese Knotweed are located will undergo eradication by a licensed professional. The restoration plan calls out many native plants for remediating the disturbed areas. Franklin noted that the ferns will be placed closer to the water area. After remediation stones will be used to grade out and stabilize the upland area, which will then have a perennial grass blend planted for permanent erosion control. When reviewing the plan, the Agency wanted to make sure that Staff was confident with the credentials of the licensed eradicator.

2. Report of Chair

The Agency noted a silt fence on the Bryson property along Fishtown Road. Staff suggested this may be for the farm stand which has some fill associated with that. The property owners have worked with the Noank Zoning Official who has jurisdiction.

3. Report of Staff

Staff informed the Agency about a situation that has occurred on Cedar Road. Tru Green, a private contractor, was hired by the Town to do spraying. They were cautioned about staying away from watercourses. Unfortunately, yards were sprayed and significant foliage killed. The Public Works Director, Gary Schneider, is very aware of the situation and is dealing with the contractor to make it right for citizens who were impacted.

Staff updated the Agency regarding the Grasso Tech entry sign and underground utilities. Groton Utilities has requested a change in the location of existing underground electric service. The utility company is proposing to relocate it in an area that has been previously allowed to be disturbed for the sign installation. The Agency consensus was that this seems like a reasonable request and they did not require a permit modification. Staff will process it as a field modification.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Eunice Sutphen, Vice Chairperson
Inland Wetland Agency

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