

MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
AUGUST 9, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD  
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

Chairperson Scott called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. June 28, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 28, 2017

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

2. July 31, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 31, 2017

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. IWA 17-05, WPCF Effluent Pump Station Upgrade, 170 Gary Court

Staff noted that the Town Engineer was not available to attend the meeting. The application is for minor changes to the existing effluent pump station at 170 Gary Court. Staff reviewed the plan that has been submitted with the Agency explaining the upgrades include technical work at the pump station, a small addition and improvements in the tunnels. There will be some work along the bank of Fort Hill Brook. The applicant will be available at the next meeting to address any questions from the Agency.

V. PENDING APPLICIONS

1. IWA 17-03, Advantage Personal Training, 2906 Gold Star Highway

Staff advised the Agency that a 65-day extension has been requested by the applicant. Williams noted that she had visited site and was given a tour of the facility by the manager.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Deerfield Open Space, Heather Glen Lane – Jurisdictional Ruling

A site walk was held at the location on July 31, 2017. Sutphen noted that they saw platforms, which were in disrepair, and stated the area was all woods.

Staff noted that the area is in a larger part of the Deerfield Open Space. A great number of years ago someone from neighborhood laid out a disc golf course. The

course consists of pads or tees from which you toss discs. Having a wooded area is most desirable to the location of the course. Mark Berry, Director of Groton Parks & Recreation, is aware of some boy scouts who are looking for an Eagle Scout project. Berry has reached out to a professional who designs these courses for ways to improve upon what is already there. Staff noted the course needs minor work to standardize the tee boxes and to move some baskets around to avoid conflict. One footbridge is proposed to be replaced. A plank bridge will be built offsite and brought to the site. No tree removal and no equipment will be involved. The trails are all there having been created by players traveling from one hole to the next.

The Agency was concerned to know if the work is in the review area and whether this type of activity would be allowed per the Groton Open Space Regulations. Staff noted that the Director is requesting a determination as to whether this work is allowed as of right.

The Agency discussed its concerns and additionally noted that the course would typically only be used during the warmer months of the year.

Staff noted that the activity seems to meet the as-of-right definition in that water courses will not be altered, there will be no disturbance to the indigenous character of the wetlands, and no fill will be brought in.

**MOTION:** To find that the installation of disc golf tees and baskets and replacement of a foot bridge on existing footings at the Millwood Creek Disc Golf Course, Deerfield Open Space, Heather Glen Lane will not disturb the indigenous character of the wetlands, will not alter water flow, and will not result in the deposition of material in the wetlands or watercourse. The Agency determines that this activity is permitted as a nonregulated use as defined in section 4.2a of its regulations and does not require a wetland permit.

Any further development will require further review to determine whether a permit is necessary

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, 5, 1 (Ashworth), 0. Motion passed.

2. Report of Chair - None
3. Report of Staff

Staff noted that Robin Silsby's retirement, an open house, is Thursday, August 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Daniel Packer Inne.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Barbara Block, Secretary  
Inland Wetland Agency

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