

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Ashworth, Williams
Staff: Allen, Jones

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 13, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 13, 2017.

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Receipt of New Applications – None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

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

Greg Hanover, Town Engineer, reviewed the location of the Water Pollution Control Facility on Gary Court. He noted that the upgrade of the Effluent Pump Station was eliminated from the last round of Facility improvements due to budget concerns. The Pump Station pumps treat effluent to the ultimate discharge point at the Thames River. He introduced Kevin Flood, Senior Project Manager with Fuss & O'Neill, who then reviewed the application in detail.

The Pump Station improvements include pump replacement, electrical upgrades, transformer replacement and a number of resiliency improvements. Work within the regulated area includes the construction of an addition for a new Facility control room, a temporary effluent by-pass system, and temporary pumps with associated fuel storage area. Flood reviewed the erosion and sediment control plan including dewatering measures. The work should take two months. In response to Agency questions, he reviewed the emergency measures should the pumps fail.

MOTION: To approve the WPCF Effluent Pump Station Upgrade 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 by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously.

2. IWA 17-06, Morano Residence, 43 Starr Lane

Peter Springsteel, representing the new owners of the property, briefly reviewed the location of the addition, porch and deck. He noted that all work will take place in the regulated area. He reviewed the erosion and sediment control plan.

MOTION: To approve the Morano Residence 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 by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously.

3. IWA 17-07, Bridge Reconstruction at Whitford Brook, North Stonington Road

Greg Hanover, Town Engineer, reviewed the damage done to the bridge in 2010 and the structural deficiencies discovered during the initial repair. The cost of the replacement will be shared with the State and Stonington. While Groton does not yet have funding in place for the construction both towns are moving ahead with the permitting. He briefly reviewed the bridge design and construction method. There will be no fill placed in wetlands or Whitford Brook. All work will be in the upland review area.

MOTION: To classify the application as minor.

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

4. IWA 17-08, Mumford Cove Association, Maintenance Dredging and Beach Sand Replenishment, 3 Neptune Drive

Staff reported that the revised plans showed no work within the regulated area and that the application has been withdrawn.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Hill LLC, 225 Leonard Drive, 5-Year Extension Request

Staff reviewed the status of the construction on site. The second building is expected to be built this fall.

MOTION: To extend the permit for 225 Leonard Drive for 5 years.

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

2. IWA 2018 Commission Meeting Schedule

MOTION: To adopt the 2018 meeting schedule as presented.

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

3. Report of Chair – None

4. Report of Staff

Staff reported that the pipes stored on Fishtown Road are associated with the gas line installation in the area by Eversource. She reviewed the permitting process.

Staff reported that she will be meeting with the owner of 492 Noank Road to discuss landscaping.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Eunice Sutphen, Vice Chairperson
Inland Wetland Agency

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