

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MAY 27, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Ashworth
Staff: Jones, Galetta

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 13, 2015 and May 20, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 13, 2015 and May 20, 2015, as written.

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Doncasters Manufacturing Facility Addition, 835 Poquonnock Road

Paul Biscuti, of DiCesare-Bentley Engineers, presented the project to the Agency. The property is currently owned by Doncasters, Inc. which manufactures airplane parts and needs more room to expand its business. They are planning to build four additions and a new free standing storage building. The project will include an enhanced building and loading area, shipping and receiving, increased office space and the new storage building. The storage building will cover metal waste that is currently stored in barrels on a concrete pad. Additional parking and pavement for truck turning movements is required. Biscuti identified the location on a plot plan and explained the history of the manufacturing facility.

In the mid-80's Arwood owned the entire parcel. Permits were issued by the Town to allow it to expand and the area was prepped for buildings and parking. A series of detention basins were designed and built for a full build out of the facility. The basins are not built to today's standards but their storage capacity is quite large. The basins are classified as wetlands. There are also small pocket wetlands on the property with large wetlands on the north side where the detention basin discharges.

The applicant is trying to be proactive by seeking approval from the Agency for improvements to the detention basins. The plan includes the removal of vegetation and sediments to create two sediment forebays and two micro pools. Staff noted there are invasive species in the area. Planting of new wetland vegetation within the micro pools and constructing a new off-line sediment forebay will provide wildlife habitat and wetlands functions. A drainage swale within a detention basin will be enhanced. Other activities include the removal of an existing catch basin and pipe, and the partial filling of an existing detention basin to construct a new forebay. The only activity within the upland review zone is the installation of a new roof drain pipe. The distance from the new storage building to the pocket wetlands is approximately 100'. Biscuti noted that

there are points of access for pulling sediment out of the micro pools which will then be disposed of offsite.

A site walk was scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Lot #8 Office and Warehouse, 245 Leonard Drive

Ashworth noted that he walked the site by himself on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Staff noted that the applicant has just had a staff review meeting and she is expecting revised plans. The application was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Eunice Sutphen, Vice Chairperson
Inland Wetland Agency

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