

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
JUNE 8, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – 134 GROTON LONG POINT ROAD
COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. May 25, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 25, 2016, as amended

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS – None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. IWA 16-02, Watrous Subdivision, 0 Grove Avenue

Staff noted that the Agency had a site walk of the subject property in February. It is 2.39 acre parcel located in the West Pleasant Valley Fire District. Wetlands have been delineated.

Land Surveyor Mark Sullivan reviewed the application for the Agency. The owner, Roger Watrous, is proposing a 4-lot subdivision that will have public water and sewer. Two lots will be serviced by a common drive. Drainage from the adjacent subdivision will be captured with shallow swale, then rip rap splash pad.

The Agency had questions about where the watercourse on the site originated. Staff noted that it is a groundwater and wetland discharge and it may be supplemented by street drainage from Navy housing. The location of the pipe under the driveway to lots 3 and 4 has been changed and the discharge will have a longer overland flow before reaching the wetlands. The Agency questioned whether the driveway could be a material other than macadam noting that crushed stone would be better. The applicant agreed and noted that the apron will be asphalt then crushed stone will be used.

Staff noted that the subdivision was reconfigured prior to the application submission to avoid crossing wetlands. The applicant has addressed all the concerns that staff and the Town engineer had noted.

MOTION: To approve the Watrous Subdivision application for the following reasons:

1. There is no loss of wetlands or watercourse as a result of this project.

2. The applicant has shifted the stormwater discharge away from the wetlands to allow for longer overland flow.

This permit is subject to the five standard conditions and the following additional condition:

1. The shared driveway serving lots 3 and 4 shall be pervious.

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

2. IWA 16-05, Stone and Shultz Property, 217 Noank Road, Pond Excavation

Staff stated that the applicant will be available to present the application at the next meeting. The Agency noted that it has heard this application a number of times already and expressed confidence in the applicant's ability to conduct the excavation in accordance with the regulations.

MOTION: To approve the pond excavation for the following reasons:

1. There is no loss of wetlands or watercourse as a result of this project.
2. The construction plan minimizes any significant impact to the wetlands.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

OPDS Director Jon Reiner and Assistant Director Deb Jones will be visiting land use commissions to present the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) summary and recommendations. The Agency did not feel a visit from staff was necessary; however, they did discuss the focus of the POCD with staff.

Ashworth reported that he had hiked the cross-town trail with the Groton Open Space Association on trail day. Staff noted that the Conservation Commission hosted a hike at the Copp Park on Gold Star Highway.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Eunice Sutphen, Vice Chairperson
Inland Wetland Agency

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