

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
JANUARY 13, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Block, Ashworth, Williams
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 7:00 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: To elect David Scott as Chairperson, Eunice Sutphen as Vice-Chairperson, and Barbara Block as Secretary of the Inland Wetlands Agency.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of November 18, 2009, December 2, 2009, and December 11, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 18, 2009, December 2, 2009, and December 11, 2009.

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

V. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. New England Cycle Works, 661 Gold Star Highway

Staff explained the plan to expand a non-permitted use in the Water Resource Protection District. The expansion requires a special permit from the Zoning Commission and a full review and upgrade of the storm water management system. She noted the inclusion of the wetland evaluation in the Agency's packet.

Ellen Bartlett of CLA Engineers reviewed the plans to expand the retail space of New England Cycle Works, located on the corner of Route 184 and Buddington Road within an existing structure. She reviewed the storm water system upgrades, which includes monitoring, installing new curbing at the rear, and eliminating one dry well and having flow go into a catch basin. She noted that gravel wetlands will treat storm water prior to discharge. Staff review will take place next week.

Staff stated that the City of Groton, as co-applicants/owners, have reviewed the plans. The gravel wetlands will be constructed on city property, near Hempstead Brook.

Existing septic systems and wells constrain the property and limit the areas where the gravel wetlands can be built. Groton Utilities is requiring the applicant to do storm water testing on a regular basis. Parking areas are being proposed for equipment display.

Agency members will view the property individually.

Motion to classify as minor by Block, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously.

2. Mystic Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, 475 High Street, Mystic

Staff reviewed the map showing Mystic Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, formerly known as Mystic Manor. She reviewed a previous permit that had been granted last year and stated that the proposal is to install a generator adjacent to the wetlands.

Bob Allison, Administrator at the Mystic Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, explained that the State of Connecticut surveys nursing facilities annually as well as nursing facilities that have changed ownership, to identify deficiencies. Replacing the generator was on the list of things to do from the State.

Discussion followed about the proposed location of the generator, its proximity to the wetlands, the noise it will incur, and the concrete pad that exists. Staff stated that this is a break-out wetland created when the slope was re-graded during the last major expansion in 1990. The Agency reviewed pictures and plans. Suggestions were made relative to muffling the noise from the generator. Staff requested that the applicant submit a copy of the specifications to see if containment specifications are built into the plans.

The Agency noted that the electrician installed a concrete pad adjacent to the wetland without a permit. It was determined that the distance between the road and the building is about 25 feet. Staff gave background information about permits previously issued. The Agency will view this property individually. The applicant will submit the formal specifications of the generator, as requested.

VI. PENDING – None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair – None.

2. Report of Staff – None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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