

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
JANUARY 27, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 7:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff stated that a Permit Extension Request has just been received from Lighthouse Point. She referenced the location and reason for the request.

MOTION: To add the Permit Extension Request from Lighthouse Point to the Agenda under New Applications.

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of January 13, 2010

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 13, 2010 as amended

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Lighthouse Point, Pleasant Valley Road North

Staff reviewed the location of the project which has frontage on Route 12, Gungywamp Road, and Pleasant Valley Road North. The original permit was granted on February 9, 2005. She noted that the sidewalk along route 12 is the only regulated activity.

Attorney Genevieve Salvatore explained why the project has not yet begun. She stated that she received an extension of the site plan approval from the Planning Commission in December.

Staff explained that the permit can be extended up to 5-year period.

MOTION: To grant a 5-year extension

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

V. PENDING

1. New England Cycle Works, 661 Gold Star Highway

Staff stated that the applicant called to say she was ill and would need to table this item. The Agency tabled this item until the next meeting.

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

Members referred to visiting the property and thought that the concrete pad is either on the wetlands or very close to the wetlands.

Staff reviewed a photo and explained that the wetlands are up slope from the other existing structures. She noted that the wetland is a breakout wetland. Staff stated that she has received the generator specifications from the applicant, noting that the fuel tank is double walled and has an alarm.

Anthony Logodicio, Construction Manager with Mystic Manor, stated that the generator has a double walled tank and gets inspected regularly by the State. Logodicio noted that construction is soon to begin for the previously permitted work.

The Agency expressed concern regarding construction debris and trash. They felt that the waste should be removed from the site. Mr. Logodicio stated it would be removed the next week.

MOTION: To approve the Mystic Healthcare & Rehabilitation Generator application for the following reasons:

1. There will be no fill placed in the wetlands, which are up slope from the proposed activity.
2. The fuel for the emergency generator will be stored in a double walled tank.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions and the following additional condition.

1. The construction debris and trash shall be removed from the regulated area by February 10, 2010.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Scott reported on a workshop he attended earlier today entitled, “Groton Coastal Climate Adaptation”. He spoke about specific topics that were raised and discussed and potential goals for the future. He stated that some of these changes may be able to tie into the second part of the wetland regulation amendments.

Discussion followed about drainage problems on town roads such as Fishtown Road and how Public Works handles those water problems. Staff stated that she will work with Public Works and discuss these issues further. The town-wide permit will

have to be extended later this year and staff will invite the Director to the meeting to discuss drainage issues.

Furlong was concerned that trash adds to the drainage problems.

Chairman Scott requested that Staff write a letter to Public Works asking them to review the design storm used for drainage calculations in light of climate change.

2. Report of Staff

Staff distributed Habitat newsletters to members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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