

MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
APRIL 23, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Sutphen, Scott, Ashworth, Furlong  
Staff: Jones, Gilot

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 26, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 26, 2014, as written.

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS - None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Tollgate Plaza, 516-528 Gold Star Highway

The applicant was not ready and the application was tabled to the next meeting.

2. Fishtown Road Pump Station Rehabilitation, 230 Fishtown Road

Town Engineer Greg Hanover introduced the consulting engineer, Tom Loto, Arcadis U.S., Inc.

Mr. Loto detailed the existing site. The pump station has been in use since 1970's, with original equipment. Rehabilitation includes moving the generator to the side of the pump station, moving and replacing the bioxide tank, which is used for odor control. They would replace part of the wet well and some asphalt. The existing building will be re-sided and re-roofed. Most of the site is a clear grassed area with a few trees. Pumps would be moved to the wet well, and the lower level of the pump station would be abandoned. Electrical and instrumentation will remain on the top floor. Mr. Loto reviewed the construction process. All activity will be in the upland review area; no activity proposed in the wetland area. The existing generator which is currently located in the station must be moved if it is replaced due to building code change. The new generator would be piped to a valve chamber, about 8 ft. deep and 1 ft. above ground. The valve chamber would be located 13 ft. from the wetland. The concrete wall would be 8" thick. The Agency had serious concerns with the proximity of the new chamber to the wetlands. They suggested a number of alternative arrangements for the equipment.

Sutphen disclosed that she owns property across from this site and is very familiar with this wetland.

The Agency discussed various options for relocating the valve chamber further from the wetlands, even by a few feet. The Agency suggested putting structures in front of the building. Staff said setbacks will need to be reviewed. The Agency would also like to review the detailed dewatering plan.

MOTION: To classify the application as minor.

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rogers Road Drainage – Preliminary Discussion

Staff reviewed the letter from the Director of Public Works to Mr. Magowan regarding a drainage issue at his property at 182 Rogers Road.

Greg Hanover, Town Engineer, detailed the site and the existing drainage pattern on Rogers Road, and Mr. Magowan's property. Mr. Hanover said there is no formal drainage system on Rogers Road; it is all sheet flow. Water enters Mr. Magowan's property at a low point in the road and has caused a number of holes in his hayfield. Public Works has tried to address this problem by re-grading the road's shoulder to spread out the water as it discharges onto the Magowan property. Mr. Hanover discussed the possibility of installing catch basins and piping to collect and discharge the water to a watercourse on the south side of the road. This would require the property owner's permission and he noted that water would be diverted from the Haley Brook watershed to the Fort Hill Brook watershed. It would also discharge directly into a watercourse rather than flowing over uplands before entering wetlands as it currently does on the Magowan property. The Agency suggested that the Town may want to consider installing swales and other drainage measures on Mr. Magowan's property rather than attempting to change the flow from the watershed. The Agency felt the permit application would be expensive to develop and the permit difficult to grant. There would be impacts from heat and salt to consider. The Agency recommended that Mr. Magowan work with the Public Works Department and allow them to install alternative drainage measures on his property. Mr. Hanover said he was confident they could do something; they would need an easement from Mr. Magowan.

2. Report of Chair - None

3. Report of Staff

Staff distributed "The Habitat" publication to the members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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David Scott, Chairman  
Inland Wetland Agency

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