

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MAY 13, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 7:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Meetings will be held on May 27th and May 28th.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of April 22, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 22, 2009

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Horse Barn Arena, 110 New London Road – Jurisdictional Ruling

Sutphen recused herself from this application.

John Vinson, owner, reviewed his plans to clear 2 acres of land in preparation for a future horse barn and arena. He stated that he hopes to build a riding stable in the future.

Staff explained that the erosion control plan is required for disturbing more than ½ acre of land and it has been filed with the zoning official. All work is beyond 100 feet of the flagged wetlands. Mr. Vinson reviewed the method of clearing.

MOTION: The Agency finds that the clearing activity described in the erosion control plan received April 21, 2009 regarding 110 New London Road, does not require a permit.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously (Ashworth, Block, Furlong, Scott).

Sutphen was again a seated member.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Long Meadow Landings, 45 South Road

Matthew Maynard and Joseph Boucher of Towne Engineering, Inc. were present for this application. Ashworth stated that he has visited the site.

MOTION: To approve the Long Meadow Landing application for the following reasons:

1. The Agency finds that the construction activity associated with the sidewalk proposed for South Road will have too great an impact on the wetlands in that the construction will be done from the base of the slope and that it is unknown whether there is unsuitable material beneath the proposed retaining wall which could require a larger construction foot print.
2. The Agency finds that the storm water management system for the new building and parking area will not significantly impact the receiving wetlands.
3. The Agency finds that the construction of the new multi-family building and associated development will take place in an area currently developed as part of the existing multi-family complex.
4. There are no wetlands or watercourses filled as a result of this project.

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

1. The path in Recreation Area 1 shall be constructed of non erosive material.
2. The sidewalk along the west side of South Road is not authorized as part of this permit.
3. All slopes steeper than 3:1 shall be stabilized with erosion control blanket.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

Staff reported that the Public Works Department will be replacing metal guide rails along Tollgate Road.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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