

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MAY 8, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. POCD Update – Community Meeting Press Release

Staff noted that a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 24, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 24, 2013

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

MOTION: To amend the agenda to add the minutes of April 23, 2013 under Approval of the Minutes

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

MOTION: To approve the site walk minutes of April 23, 2013

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Receipt of New Applications – None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Electric Boat Former Midway Facility Corrective Action, 175 Industrial Drive

Eric Axelrod of Woodard & Curran presented a map and reviewed the plan revisions which were made after staff review. They include adding a 24" sewer main, a catch basin, and a utility pole. A detailed report of the vernal pool evaluation was distributed. Axelrod gave specifics about the revisions made to the restoration plan, relative to ponding and the vernal pool. Copies of the monitoring reports will be sent to Staff. Details were given about the drainage swale and stormwater treatment.

Staff stated that the restoration plan includes placing branches and shags in the pool for egg mass attachment.

MOTION: To approve the Electric Boat (former Midway Facility) Soil Remediation application for the following reasons:

1. There will be no loss of wetland or watercourse associated with this application.
2. The work will result in the elimination of contaminated soil.
3. The applicant has provided a convincing proposal regarding the restoration of the wetland, which will result in a healthy wetland ecosystem.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions.

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

2. 0 Military Highway, Lot 3

Edward Wenke, P.E., of Site & Structures LLC, and Soil Scientist Joseph Theroux were present for this application. Plans and specifications were reviewed for the temporary stabilization plan, which has been reviewed by Staff and which was implemented last week. Details were given about the restoration plan, sediment, discharge, and the temporary access needed to cross town property. Wenke has submitted an easement request to the Town Manager in order to gain access across town property during the construction phase. Piping the watercourse has been removed from the proposal. The plan is to install storm drainage in Military Highway and to install a catch basin at the base of the wetland.

Williams arrived at 7:19 p.m.

Wenke reviewed an alternative house design, which moves work further away from the watercourse. He reviewed an alternative driveway location, which increases the amount of grading on all three lots without moving activity further from the watercourse. Discussion ensued about the distance of the house and paved surfaces from the watercourse. Details were given about the sight lines and slope.

Theroux distributed a wetland function report and described the existing condition of the wetlands and watercourse. He explained why he considers the watercourse an intermittent watercourse. No endangered species were found.

Staff stated that she has been to the site since it has been stabilized. The Agency pointed out that all of lot 3 and a portion of lot 2 is within the wetland review area and expressed its concerns. Staff agreed with Theroux's assessment about the watercourse. Grading will be done within 10 feet of the wetlands. Staff added that a replanting plan will be proposed on revised plans. Discussion ensued about the grade of the driveway.

Staff stated that an environmental control bond would be required if the Agency decides to grant a permit.

MOTION: To Table this item until next meeting 5/22/13.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Simoncini Parcels, Allyn Street, Mystic – Preliminary Discussion

Edward Wenke, P.E., of Site & Structures LLC, Soil Scientist Don Fortunato, and property owner Ms. Simoncini were present for this application. Wenke reviewed the proposed lot division master plan, which involves two first free splits of existing lots. Access, in part, will be provided through two vacant lots in the Mystic Glen Subdivision that are owned by the Simoncini's. He reviewed the location of the flagged regulated areas. The purpose of this preliminary discussion is to get input from the Agency on the proposed preliminary layout, relative to the regulated areas, prior to submitting a formal wetland application. The initial proposal includes creating two new lots for a total of 6 lots owned by the Simoncini's. Public water and sewer are on site. Wenke asked the Agency to consider allowing a smaller upland review area given the value of the wetland resource. He noted that any Agency input would be non-binding and that the owners would not be assured of the buildability of the lots until a permit is granted.

Fortunato reviewed the types of soils found on site. He noted wetland pockets on a number of the lots. Discussion ensued about the water table and drainage. Photos were reviewed. The Agency suggested shifting lot lines to allow more uplands on two of the lots.

2. Zoning Commission Referral – REGA 13-01, Text Amendment to Sections 1.1, 8.3-1 through 8.3-12 and 8.4-5

3. Zoning Commission Referral – REGA 13-03, Text Amendment to Sections 6.6-2, 6.6-7, and 6.6-9

Staff reviewed REGA 13-01, which clarifies special permit requirements. She noted that the Zoning Commission has added language in some sections beyond the Town Attorney's recommendation. REGA 13-03 is required in order to remain in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program. The Agency noted that these amendments do not affect their responsibility in regulating wetlands and had no comment.

4. Report of Chair

Sutphen referred to the area near the water main on the bridge on Route 1 where vegetation has been removed. Staff noted that the State is getting ready to pave Route 1. She is waiting to hear back from them about the proposed erosion control plan.

5. Report of Staff

Staff distributed information about an upcoming training seminar.

Staff updated the Agency regarding a violation on Thomas Road. She explained that she met with the owner and came up with a plan to restore the property. A Notice of Violation will be sent to the owner, with a June deadline for completion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously

Dave Scott, Chairman
Inland Wetland Agency

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NOT APPROVED