

MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
JUNE 26, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 12, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 12, 2013, as amended

Motion made by Furlong, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously as amended.

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS -

1. Mystic Woods Lot Division, 0 Allyn Street

Edward Wenke of the Winthrop Group, LLC and Certified Soil Scientist Don Fortunato presented the application for work within the regulated area to construct houses on lots which will be created by two free splits. The location of isolated wetlands and wetland pockets were reviewed on the map. Wenke reviewed the location of the proposed lot lines and houses. He noted that he had incorporated Agency suggestions from the preliminary review last month. Wenke noted that work is proposed within 100 feet of wetlands in a couple of areas. The 50 foot area around the wetlands is shown as a non-disturbance zone. This zone could be identified in the field with signs or boulders.

Wenke reviewed the drainage patterns on the site, noting that the land is very flat with a high water table. Water will be kept away from foundations by a series of yard drains and careful grading.

Fortunato reviewed the map, showing the wetland pockets and other areas that he flagged. He reviewed the characteristics of Woodbridge soils. He noted that Woodbridge soils can be wet a good deal of the time and can be difficult to manage.

Staff reviewed a 1989 subdivision plan for land to the south. Wetlands were shown on this plan extending to the border of the Mystic Woods lots. Fortunato said he would investigate.

Staff reviewed the topographical maps and discussion followed about open space. The 1989 map was reviewed showing the wetland delineation and property lines.

The Agency scheduled a site walk for Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Terra Firma Timber Harvest – Jurisdictional Ruling

Certified Forester Nick Zito of Peter Marlowe Forest Products, LLC, reviewed the selective timber harvest plan for the Terra Firma property off of North Gungywamp Road and Baldwin Hill Road. Most of the harvest will take place in Ledyard and the Groton portion will be accessed through Ledyard. He reviewed the proposed haul roads and landings. The one wetland crossing will be made with a temporary bridge. A 50 foot buffer to wetlands will be observed.

Staff stated reviewed Section 4 of the regulations regarding activities that do not need permits and the definition of agriculture.

MOTION: To find that the Terra Firma Selective Timber Harvest as described in the June 20, 2013 narrative is an operation permitted in inland wetlands and watercourses as of right per Section 4.1a of the Groton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations

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

2. Report of Chair

Sutphen noted that she attended the POCD Steering Committee meeting on June 20, 2013. She reviewed the information presented.

Block asked staff to review work taking place on Scott Lane where there may be wetlands.

3. Report of Staff

Staff stated that she has not yet received a survey of the work on Lot 3 in the Sunset Ridge Subdivision. She will issue a Notice of Violation if the survey is not submitted.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Block, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously



Barbara Block, Secretary  
Inland Wetland Agency

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