

MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
JULY 8, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of June 24, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 24, 2009

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Vinson Property, 110 New London Road

Sutphen recused herself from this application and noted that she is friends with John and Robin Vinson. She would have purchased the property if the Vinson's had not purchased the property, however, she is not involved with the development of the stables.

Staff noted that a letter from Vinson to the Agency as well as articles related to horse farming were included in their agenda packet. She noted that she, Vinson and his Surveyor Peter Gardner have met several times to discuss the project. She feels that the proposal may be exempt from wetland regulations. Staff passed out a description of the farming activity that Vinson is proposing.

Vinson reviewed his proposal. He spoke about preparing for a site plan but stated that he needs CFPA approval before going for site plan approval.

Vinson reviewed the draft drawings with the Agency. He stated that there will be a barn with an indoor and outdoor riding area, and paddocks with grass, etc. He added that there are 20 stalls for boarding horses. He stated that the manure will be shipped offsite, possibly every two weeks. This property is just over 30 acres in size.

Vinson might be back for sidewalk approval, if need be but a site plan approval would be needed.

MOTION: The Agency finds that the activities associated with the Vinson Horse Boarding Stable, 110 New London Road, as described in a July 31, 2007 letter from John Vinson, is permitted as of right per section 4.1 a of the Groton Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations.

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

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Genovese Property, 22 Swan Lane

The Agency stated that they viewed the property, and that a shed has already been installed. Discussion ensued about an existing shed which is on a concrete pad. The Agency felt that the shed should be removed because no application had yet been approved.

Staff suggested doing an enforcement action to remove the shed after which time, the possibility of approving a permit could be addressed. She will issue a notice of violation which does not have the strict timing requirement of a cease and desist order. It is unclear whether there will be a quorum at the July 22, 2009 meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair – None.

2. Report of Staff - Staff distributed a Habitat newsletter relating horse farms.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Barbara Block, Secretary  
Inland Wetland Agency

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