

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Block
Alternates: Ashworth, Furlong
Staff: Jones, Discordia

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Furlong stated she received two phone calls regarding whether the public hearings are taped for Mystic Woods. Staff stated that copies are available for a small fee. Furlong discussed other methods of recording hearings that might produce better audio quality.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 12, 2007

Furlong requested that “water” be inserted before “quality”; 2nd paragraph under PENDING APPLICATIONS.

Chairman Scott requested that “The Agency discussed the Flanders Road sidewalk and its impact to wetland 11.” Be inserted as the 2nd paragraph under V.1.

Chairman Scott requested “noted expert testimony and” be inserted in 3rd paragraph under V.1. second sentence; between “They” and “agreed”.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 12, 2007 (as amended).

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Carpluk Property, 530 New London Road

Staff stated that the applicant is proposing to split the property and construct a single family dwelling on the back lot. The proposed house will be 100 feet from Eccleston Brook and 50 feet from the small finger of wetland.

The Agency stated they would individually look at the property.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Leonard Drive Subdivision

Staff stated that the Agency issued a permit in 2002. There was a small pocket of wetland that was shown to have a 25 foot area of non-disturbance. Staff stated on her latest walk of the site the wetland had been filled in. She showed the Agency an old picture of the wetland. The wetland was about 2,400 sq. ft.

Bob Schuch, an engineer from Boundaries LLC, showed the Agency more pictures of the area since the wetland was filled. He stated they will eventually be applying for an inland wetland permit to subdivide the lots at the end of the cul-de-sac into three.

Gary Gileau, construction manager for owner Chris McLaughlin, stated that when the contractors cleaned up the site the wetland must have accidentally been backfilled.

Staff stated that there is a soil scientist taking a look at this site. She stated that the scientist could report back as to whether it could be salvaged. She does not believe that wetland soils were present at the time the subdivision was approved. The wetland was in a shallow depression that was unable to drain. It was vegetated with sedges and cattails.

Chairman Scott stated that this site could probably be recreated in an area closer to a natural wetland.

Staff will issue a correction order detailing the restoration plan that should be submitted by October 24.

2. Report of Chair

Chairman Scott stated that the Town is interviewing consultants who will revise the zoning, subdivision and inland wetland regulations. He asked Ashworth to sit on the interview panel.

Chairman Scott stated that there is a Reservoir Walk in Ledyard on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

3. Report of Staff

Staff passed out information regarding a public hearing for a telecommunications tower on Sandy Hollow Road.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

David Scott, Chairman
Inland Wetlands Agency

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