

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
FEBRUARY 13, 2008 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Sutphen, Williams, Furlong, and Block
Staff: Jones, Discordia

Acting Chairman Sutphen appointed Furlong to sit as a voting member.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Sydney Van Zant, 3 Front Street, Noank, handed out packets regarding the Walmart Supercenter application to the Agency. She read from the materials urging the Agency to classify this application as a major application.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of January 9, 2008 and February 7, 2008

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 9, 2008 and February 7, 2008

Motion by Williams, seconded by Furlong, so voted unanimously.

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Proposed Retail Development (Walmart Super Center), 481, 489, 491, 495, 529 Gold Star Highway

Staff stated they have received an intervention notice from the Groton Open Space Association. She has also received a petition with more than 25 signatures requesting a public hearing for this application. She has not verified that the signatures are residents of Groton and are over 18 years old.

Diane Whitney, an attorney representing Konover Development, introduced Michelle Carlson of Konover Development and Guy Hesketh of Hesketh Associates. Ms. Whitney stated that the previous permit was approved in April 2006 and is still valid. The approved activities should not be reconsidered in this application. Ms. Whitney stated they are asking to disturb .14 of an acre within the 100 foot upland review area. They will not be disturbing any wetlands directly.

Guy Hesketh of F.A. Hesketh & Associates, Inc. presented the site plan to the Agency. He reviewed activities associated with the original permit. The current proposal eliminates some of those activities. The current application involves discharging stormwater from the roof top to an existing catch basin in the parking lot of the adjacent office park. The basin discharges to a pond in the middle of the office park. No changes will be made to the discharge point. In addition, a retaining wall and underdrains will be constructed within the regulated area in the office park.

The Agency questioned Hesketh about the changes to the stormwater plan. He stated that there is no need to increase any of the rip rap dis separators. Sutphen did not see how the Inland Wetland Agency could legally reexamine the previously approved permit while considering the current application. The Agency concurred.

MOTION: To classify this application as a minor inland wetland application and to hold a public hearing on April 9, 2008 as there is significant public interest.

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

2. Receipt of New Applications - None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. North Woods Subdivision, 1299 North Road

Staff stated that this application has been withdrawn.

2. Rhodes Property, 0 Winding Hollow Road

This application was tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 27, 2008.

3. Sandy Hollow Road Resubdivision/Precious Memories Daycare, 0 Sandy Hollow Road

MOTION: To classify this application as a minor application.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Furlong, 3 in favor, one abstention (Williams).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

The Agency discussed attending workshops at the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center.

2. Report of Staff

Staff discussed B&W Paving's property on Flanders Road with the Agency. She stated that originally approved uses have been changed some what. The office building approved on the north end of the site will not be built. The landscape material bins will be shifted north and seasonal plant displays will take their place. Staff is concerned about filtering water from the plants before it is discharged to the catch basins and has recommended several methods of filtering. The slope stabilization will be reviewed. Staff stated they are requiring the applicant to take out some pavement and stone and plant grass to provide some filtering.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Eunice Sutphen, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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