

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MARCH 9, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Block, Williams, Ashcroft , Furlong
Staff: Jones, Cedio

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 9, 2005

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 9, 2005.

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Receipt of New Applications – None.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Windward Passage Subdivision, Polaris Street and Crystal Lake Road

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

2. Watrous Property, 212 ½ Fort Hill Road

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ledyard Wetland Application Referral

Staff reviewed the plans for the Audubon Preserve subdivision Ledyard wetland application, which consists of 39 lots on 96 acres located at 332 Colonel Ledyard Highway. This subdivision is located north of Deerfield Subdivision. The agency expressed concern regarding the quality of the stormwater runoff from this development and its impact to the wetlands downstream in Groton. They were also concerned with the increase in peak stormwater runoff that this development will produce. The Agency had the following recommendations:

1. Consider the use of a bridge to cross the wetlands, in order to reduce the wetland fill
 2. Include best management practices to remove sediments, oils and other contaminants in the design of the stormwater management plan for the new roads.
 3. Control the peak volume of stormwater runoff from the development. The Agency notes that there is a large wetland associated with the West Branch of Red Brook in the town owned open space immediately south of the proposed development. This wetland serves to store the stormwater runoff from the Deerfield Subdivision, and this should be incorporated into the design of the stormwater management plan. The Agency suggests requiring a 0% rate of increase in discharge for post development conditions.
 4. Consider increasing the non-disturbance area in order to promote stormwater infiltration and pollutant removal from developed lots.
2. Report of Chair – None.
 3. Report of Staff

Staff reported a letter was received from Clint Brown of DiCesare-Bentley Engineers regarding the elimination of Daboll Road as part of the Great Brook subdivision plans. Mr. Brown asked whether this activity required a wetland permit or permit modification.

The Agency reviewed the proposed activities shown on the Daboll Road modification plan. This plan shows the removal of a portion of Daboll Road, removal of a portion of the Seaport Community Church driveway, the relocation of a hydrant, and grading and landscaping associated with the reconfiguration of Swale A.

The construction will remove 12 feet of pavement of Daboll Road, and leave 12 feet of wetlands as a walking trail. On the north side, modifications include relocation of a fire hydrant, and the old road will be a 12-foot bikeway. Old pipes will remain underground and the old pavement will be removed and planted with the grass.

The Agency determined that this work does not require an additional permit or a permit modification. The Agency agreed that plans showing the Daboll Road modifications should be incorporated into the final plans for the project.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Block