

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
OCTOBER 26, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Block, Alternates Ashworth and Furlong
Staff: Jones

Scott noted that Ashworth and Furlong would sit for Keeler and Williams.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 12, 2005

Furlong noted that the first sentence of the second paragraph should read ‘A letter submitted to staff showed an exhibit of what a retaining wall would *look* like in this area.’

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 12, 2005 with the above noted modification.

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously.

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. K.N. Barber Appliances, 2906 Gold Star Highway

Staff noted that this application has been withdrawn.

2. Hall, 571 Fishtown Road

Steve Marien, the applicant’s surveyor, reviewed the existing lot near the intersection of Fishtown Road and Route 215. The .8 acre lot was created in the late 1950s. A single family house is proposed which will be served by municipal water and sewer. Bob Russo flagged the wetlands which are located off the property to the south. An intermittent watercourse flows through the wetlands, under Fishtown Road and into Beebe Cove. Mr. Marien noted lines drawn 50 from the edge of wetlands and 100 feet from the edge of the intermittent watercourse.

Mr. Marien reviewed the grading plan for the lot. The lot slopes from west to east. The driveway is on the south side of the house and will lead to a basement garage. The lot is graded to allow water to flow around the house and to provide a yard area. A footing drain will discharge south of the driveway into a swale and stone check dam. The driveway will be paved.

Scott suggested that the proposed sediment fence be reinforced with staked haybales and that the clearing be limited south of the driveway. Furlong noted that she lives on Fishtown Lane and frequently travels Fishtown Road. She felt that the new driveway may add to stormwater flowing onto Fishtown Road and that a swale along the front of the property may be needed to limit the water from flowing onto the road. Discussion followed regarding the drainage patterns on Fishtown Road.

The Agency scheduled a site walk for November 1 at 3:30.

3. Receipt of New Applications – None.

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Obrey Resubdivision, Gold Star Highway (CT Route 184)

Ashworth reported that he has listened to the tape of the September 25 hearing and has familiarized himself with the record. Scott noted that he, Ashworth and Furlong would be voting on this application.

The Agency reviewed their discussion from the last meeting. Staff distributed a draft motion.

MOTION: To approve the Obrey Resubdivision application for the following reasons:

1. The Agency finds that there is no prudent or feasible alternative because the applicant provided convincing evidence that the intermittent watercourse will be crossed at the narrowest point.
2. The Agency finds that shifting all activity 50 feet from the wetlands can significantly reduce the potential for erosion into the wetlands as a result of road construction.
3. There will be no loss of wetlands as a result of this project.
4. There are no future regulated activities made inevitable by this project.

This permit is subject to the five standard conditions and the following additional conditions:

1. There shall be no activity within 50 feet of inland wetlands.
2. The landscape plan for lot 7, as proposed by the applicant shall be placed on the final plans.
3. The final location of the grassed swale at the stormwater outlet shall be coordinated with the Environmental Planner prior to its construction.

4. A note shall be placed on the plan that states that there shall be no regrading or vegetation removal in the intermittent watercourse without a permit from the Inland Wetland Agency.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Scott asked staff to inspect the work on Route 1, near the old Cumberland Farms. Sutphen reported that the driveway at 135 Packer Road is still being used and asked staff to notify the owners that the removal plan must be submitted. Furlong distributed copies of an article from The Day regarding a Waterford Subdivision that used best management practices for stormwater management. She would like to use these methods for Groton projects. The Agency asked staff to talk to the Public Works Director about removing sand from Eccleston Brook, south of Route 1.

2. Report of Staff – None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.