

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
OCTOBER 25, 2006 - 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Keeler, Williams (7:35 p.m.) and Block  
Alternates Ashworth and Furlong  
Staff: Jones, Discordia

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 11, 2006

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 11, 2006

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. East Farm Subdivision, 516-522 Noank Road

Staff reviewed the location of the property and showed the Agency the landscape plan. Brain Kent, landscape architect, briefed the Agency on the project. He stated it concerned the western two lots which front on Noank Road. Lot 2 has the house that's under construction. Mr. Kent stated that he divided the planting schedule into 5 different zones and he reviewed the proposal for each zone. Zone 1 involves removing invasive shrubs outside the regulated area. Zone 2 is thicket of Japanese Knotweed by Noank Road in a wetland area. They are proposing sequential spraying of the herbicide brand "Roundup". They are proposing to cut it back this summer and spraying again in the fall. Zone 3 is all hand work and spraying with "Roundup". Zone 4 is dense thicket of invasive species and will be removed by hand and sprayed. Zone 5 is the wetland buffer and they would remove invasive species by hand and spray as well.

Sutphen asked if the two trees in zone 3 are existing and Mr. Kent stated they were.

Staff stated that this wetland is very typical soggy ground and on few occasions has standing water. The area near Noank Road contains a watercourse.

Furlong stated that she did not believe that spraying would work and it would be dangerous to the wetland.

Mr. Kent stated that there is no way to physically remove Knotweed as it has a network of roots that go very deep. He stated that "Roundup" is approved by DEP.

MOTION: To classify the East Farm Subdivision application at 515-522 Noank Road as a minor application.

Motion made by Sutphen, Block second, so voted unanimously.

2. Shepherd Subdivision, 305 Pequot Avenue

Ed Wenke, engineer, presented to the Agency. He stated this is a rear lot that the client would like to subdivide. The proposed septic system and well will be out of the 100 foot buffer of the wetland. Access will be served by a common driveway. There is no activity in the upland review area. Mr. Wenke stated they are getting ready to submit a subdivision application to the Planning Commission.

Staff stated she would review the application to make sure that there will be no need for activity in the upland review area for planning approval. The Agency will decide if a permit is required based on staffs review.

3. Receipt of New Applications - None

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Mystic Woods, Fort Hill Road and Flanders Road

Staff stated she had received a letter of withdrawal for this application.

Ashworth noted that he had listened to the tapes of the first public hearing for Mystic Woods.

2. Lot #16 Woods Walk Subdivision, 1063 Pleasant Valley Road North

Staff stated she had received a letter of withdrawal for this application.

3. Pendleton Farm Lane Subdivision, 520 Flanders Road

Staff stated she has not received revised plans yet. Discussion was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

4. 858 Old Buddington Road

Staff stated this project entails demolishing an old house and constructing a new. She stated that they have had staff review. Staff stated the applicant is abandoning the well and septic system.

The applicant stated they have addressed staffs comments.

Furlong asked if there was an underground oil tank on this property and staff stated no.

MOTION: To approve the 858 Old Buddington Road application for the following reasons:

1. There are no wetlands or watercourses lost as a result of this project
2. The work takes places in a lawn area associated with the existing house.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions.

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

5. Montali Subdivision, 77 Candlewood Road

Discussion was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Williams stated she will not be able to attend the November 8, 2006 meeting.

2. Report of Staff - None

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Scott