

SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
 Thursday, October 7, 2010
 7:00 pm - Town Hall Council Chambers
 75 Main Street, Southington, Connecticut

MINUTES

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Chairperson Theresa Albanese called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, viz:

James Sullivan, Ted Cabata & Chris Borowy

Alternates: Richard Post

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

David Lavallee, Assistant Town Planner
 Louis Martocchio, Assistant Town Attorney

Absent: Kevin Conroy, Commissioner
 Dennis Palmieri, Commissioner
 John DeMello, Commissioner
 William Camp, Alternate

The Chair seated Mr. Post for Mr. DeMello this evening. A quorum was determined.

THERESA ALBANESE, Chair, presiding:

4. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: September 2nd, 2010

Mr. Borowy wanted an addition to the Minutes. In IW#1181, there was an inaudible name given for the Cardinal Engineering engineer. I would like to have the name inserted: Dornweerd. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the Minutes with the correction stated. Mr. Cabata seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Special Meeting: September 8, 2010

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Cabata seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cabata gave the Treasurer's Report to-date. Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Post seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Reports from Public, Press and Ex-Officio Members regarding items scheduled for action.

No response.

7. Inland Wetland/Floodplain Filling Applications

A. Information/Action - FF #224, application of Frank Ciechanowski seeking to fill floodplain for a garden area and driveway construction and excavate for mitigation. Property located at 993 Old Turnpike Road.

The Environmental Planner reported we did go out to the site. There are a couple of issues not related to the excavation. There is some debris in the wetland, some branches that should be removed, some trees that he was milling that should be taken out of the floodplain. The plan showed the old floodplain elevation. It should show the elevation from the 2008 study which actually brings it one foot lower which is more in the applicant's favor. The note needs to be updated on the plan. And, you saw the excavation he made for the mitigation. Those two could be stipulations.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve FF 224 with the stipulations and corrections as noted by the Environmental Planner. Mr. Cabata seconded.

Motion passed 5 to 0 on a roll call vote.

B. Information/Action - IW #1181, application of the Town of Southington seeking to disturb wetlands and upland review area for the reconstruction of Mt. Vernon Road from #948 - #1344.

The commission did a site walk on this property, as well. I think our concerns have been addressed.

Tony Dornweerd, Cardinal Engineering, represented the application. Mr. Lavalley asked if any changes were made to the plan as a result of the site walk; i.e. clean out of the outfall. Mr. Dornweerd said no changes have been made, yet. We have various other comments from the DOT and utilities and once we get them all we will start making the changes.

The current status of the project as we have semi final design comments to the DOT and we got comments back and we are starting to incorporate those. We're thinking in maybe two months we would be submitting plans back to the DOT with all their comments incorporated and your comments incorporated.

Mr. Lavallee said he would recommend the following conditions:

- The Natural Diversity Database conditions be looked at.
- Silt sacks to be in the catch basins.
- Clean outfall across from Whitman Road as it enters the wetland.
- Mr. Lavallee to review and approve should any DOT or any other agency require any changes to the application as we're voting on it.

Mr. Cabata made a motion to approve IW#1181. Mr. Borowy amended with conditions of the Environmental Planner. Mr. Sullivan seconded the amended motion. Motion passed 5 to 0 on a roll call vote.

C. Information - IW #1182, application of The Fourteen-O-Three Group seeking to retain existing structures in the upland review area and perform restoration work within a wetland. Property located at 1403 Meriden Waterbury Road.

Severino Bovino, Planner, with Kratzert, Jones representing the applicant. This property is located at the intersection of Route 322 and Norton Street. This property is approximately 9.3 acres zoned Business and served by sewer and water. It has about 9,000 sf of wetlands delineated in the center of the map and associated buffers. (Indicating)

Some encroachment in the wetlands due to the snowplowing was noticed by Mr. Lavallee. The proposal is to remove that encroachment, restore it, remove storage material on the northerly side of the wetland area and stabilize the swale that's coming off of this stone area to the north, put check dams in and apply loam and seed and plan the restored wetlands with plantings as shown on the restoration plan.

We plan to retain the structure that's in the northeast corner of this area (indicating). It's a tentlike structure. It was put in years ago and there are materials stored inside.

Mr. Bovino said they also intend to put wetlands markers on the northerly end of the wetland to prevent future encroachments by the employees.

We responded to comments from staff and the map reflects that. Mr. Bovino reviewed the items in the note box.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to table. Mr. Cabata seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Site walk set for Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

D. Information - IW #1183 - application of Alan Wells seeking to install a water main within Route 322 to span Judd Brook with said water line. Property located in the vicinity of 2110 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike and Judd Brook.

Ernie Stetsner with Kleinfelder. I just came from the water commission meeting. My client is looking to extend the water main along Meriden Waterbury Turnpike in order to service three properties, two of which are currently occupied. Explained one is Belle Camperland and the other is Mantz Auto Repair.

DOT this week, regarding the crossing of Judd Brook --- we had originally proposed to hang the water main off the side of the bridge and DOT is not willing to entertain that option. We have just been discussing alternatives with the water department.

The final details on the drawing on the west end of this are going to have to be changed after we get some more feedback from the water department.

The basic plan will remain intact as far as the erosion control and construction details.

Explained the map would be modified once we have the details for the west end.

Discussion of the project and DOT's decision and possible options.

(End of Tape # 1, Side A)

(Beginning of Tape #1, Side B)

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to table IW #1183. Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Site walk set for Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

E. Information - IW #1184, application of Scott and Debbie B ender seeking to keep a portion of upland review area disturbed and mitigate clearing by adding native shrubbery. Property located at 165 Windermere Ridge Drive.

The Environmental Planner commented that during his travels he had noticed some disturbance behind 165 Windermere Ridge. I contacted the owners and they were very cooperative. Mentioned that they

weren't aware of the regulations. There was initially a 25' setback up there and now it's 50. They did encroach into the upland review area about 15' or so.

There is some evidence of invasive species in there. Explained they replanted that with some lawn. I requested they put some native shrubbery back in there. It didn't appear there were any large trees removed. Mostly invasives.

Scott Bender apologized as they were unaware of the regulations when they started. Explained what they did was remove mostly invasives, ie: poison ivy, and then plant grass.

Discussion.

Discussion of a restoration plan.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to table IW 1184. Mr. Post seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Site walk set for Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

8. Communications

A. Reports from Public, Press and Ex-Officio members regarding items other than those scheduled for action.

No response.

9. Conservation Issues/Unfinished Business/Miscellaneous

Extension Requests: IW#1018- Royal Acres M & W Road

Mr. Lavallee advised this was a stalled condo project that is being taken over by a new owner. The mitigation work has been done. Wetland impacts have been done. The detention pond is complete and functioning. Just some plantings per the site plan and the framing of one of the buildings that need to be completed. He suggested a one year extension.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve a one year extension. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

IW #1032 - 438 Queen Street - Rear lot

Mr. Lavallee reported this is a commercial development that was approved a number of years ago. They did some of the floodplain excavation for it and its grown in and pretty much stable. It's a little open on top but it didn't affect the wetland. They're just waiting for a buyer. That can go up to five years.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion for a five year extension. Mr. Post and Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Site walks set for Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

Mr. Lavallee advised he has segment three training brochures if anyone is interested.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 o'clock, p.m.)