

Southington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Special On Site Meeting
Saturday, October 10th, 2009 9:00 AM
Minutes

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a Special On Site Meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2009 to view an Inland Wetland Application and an FF application. All regular Commission members were present with the exception of Mr. Barry, Mr. Cabata and Mr. DeMello. Alt. Commissioners Camp and Hulick were absent. Also present was David Lavallee; Environmental Planner.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. The first site visited was for IW #1164 and is located on West Queen Street, adjacent to Redstone Street. Ken Farone, applicant, was present as well as Soil Scientist David Lord and Sev Bovino along with Andrew Quirk from Kratzert and Jones Associates Inc. Mr. Bovino gave an overview of the project which involves the development of a 9 lot industrial subdivision. 4,951 s.f. of wetlands are proposed to be filled along with 3.1 acres of upland review area. The five wetland crossings were viewed as was a disturbed watercourse to the western side of the property. It was unclear why the watercourse was disturbed but it is in the process of being restored. The lower portion of the channel was still intact and exhibited signs of erosion, hydrophitic vegetation and water retention. The proposed Lot 4 contains a large portion of the watercourse that is slated for filling. The water from this channel flows directly into a well incised watercourse that emanates from the adjacent property on the northwesterly portion of the site and feeds the interior wetlands. The redesign or removal of the lot was discussed due to its proximity to the confluence of the watercourses and wetlands. The crossing of the Farmington Canal was discussed; a structure is proposed which would essentially turn the canal into a detention area. This practice is not typically favored by the Commission as it would introduce direct discharge from a swirl separator that collects parking lot and roadway drainage. The area of the crossing is also the historic overflow of the canal that feeds the wetland to the north. The proposal is to intercept this overflow and discharge it to the east. The crossing that would serve the two lots to the north was viewed. A 30" culvert is proposed, a larger one may be needed. An area of mitigation for the wetland fill is proposed on the eastern portion of the site adjacent to the wetlands east of the canal. A reduction of this area would allow for less disturbance of upland review area. The road layout will be reviewed to possibly reduce wetland impact and eliminate the canal crossing. A motion to table the item was made by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan with all in favor.

The final site visited was 102 West Center Street, site of application FF #219 for Bio-Diesel 1. The Commission viewed the area of proposed floodplain mitigation for impacts resulting from concrete containment structures. Roughly 6" of material is proposed to be removed from a center island in the parking area. The disturbed area is to be confined by silt fence. A motion to send a favorable recommendation to the PZC with the stipulation that the property owner give written permission for the work was made by Commissioner Borowy and seconded by Commissioner Conroy with all in favor upon a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.