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SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Special On-Site Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13th, 2010
5:00 p.m.

The Southington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held a Special On Site Meeting on October 13th, 2010 to view three Inland Wetland Applications. Members in attendance were Chair Albanese, Commissioner Borowy, Commissioner Cabata, Alternate Commissioner Post and Alternate Commissioner Camp. Alt. Cmmsr. Camp was seated for Cmmsr. DeMello; Alt. Commissioner Post was seated for Commissioner Palmieri. A quorum was achieved at 5:00 p.m. Also present was David Lavalley, Environmental Planner.

The first site visited was for IW #1184, application of Scott and Debbie Bender seeking to keep a portion of the upland review area disturbed and mitigate with native plantings. The property is located at 165 Windermere Ridge Drive. The Benders were present to discuss their application; some clearing of invasive species and lawn creation was done, roughly 15' into the upland review area. A few dead trees were removed as they threatened the house with their fall zone. Restoration of the area could be achieved by removing invasive species 15' further into the upland review area and replacing them with plantings 15' either side of the currently disturbed edge. Plantings should be staggered 10' on center and should include Highbush Blueberry, Spicebush, Winterberry Holly and Silky Dogwood. Two rotting smaller trees were left just inside the wooded area and may pose a danger in the near future, the only conditions typically associated with their removal would be that no heavy equipment be used to remove them and the trunks stay in place. A motion to Table the item was made by Commissioner Cabata and seconded by Commissioner Borowy with all in favor.

The second site visited was IW #1183, application of Al Wells seeking to install a water main within Rte. 322 and cross Judd Brook with said main. The site is in the vicinity of 2110 Meriden Waterbury Tpk. The area was viewed, particularly where the main is to cross Judd Brook. The original plan was to hang the main and attach a brace to the downstream side of the box culvert, however, the State did not favor this method as it would invite vandalism and/or pose a public safety threat. The extension of the water main is based upon a need to service three properties in the area that may have wells compromised by petroleum contamination. The Water Department apparently requires that the line run the entire frontage of all the properties to be served, thus necessitating the crossing. The Water Department will be asked if a shorter service could be provided thus eliminating the need to cross the

brook. A motion to Table the item was made by Commissioner Borowy and seconded by Commissioner Post with all in favor.

The third site visited was for IW #1182, application of The 1403 Group seeking to retain an existing structure in the upland and to mitigate for previous fill within the wetland. The property is located at Superior Products on Meriden Waterbury Tpk. Paul O'Sullivan from SPDI and Sev Bovino from Kratzert & Jones presented the proposal. At some point in the recent past, processed stone has accumulated in a wetland area as a result of snow plowing activities in the storage yard. Additionally, a hoop structure/storage tent was constructed within the upland review area. Masonry products and pipes are currently stored within the structure. As part of the mitigation for filling, the accumulated material will be removed from the wetland and upland review area and the site revegetated with a conservation mix and native shrubbery. To avoid future intrusion, an alternating row of 5'+ boulders and concrete bounds with signage will be provided along the 50' upland review area. A motion to Table the item was made by Commissioner Borowy and seconded by Commissioner Cabata with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Cabata and second by Commissioner Camp with all in favor.