

SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 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, November 4, 2010. Chairperson Theresa Albanese called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, viz:

James Sullivan, Dennis Palmieri, Kevin Conroy, John DeMello & Chris Borowy

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

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

Absent: Ted Cabata, Commissioner
Richard Post & William Camp, Alternates

A quorum was determined.

THERESA ALBANESE, Chair, presiding:

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: October 7, 2010

Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion passed on a majority voice vote with Mr. DeMello abstaining.

Special Meeting: October 13, 2010

Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Conroy seconded. Motion passed on a majority voice vote with Mr. DeMello abstaining.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Sullivan gave the Treasurer's Report do-date. Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve as read. Mr. Conroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

As the Commission's designee on the Open Space Committee, Chris Borowy announced the Open Space Commission will be holding a tour open to the public on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9:00 at the Goat Island area.

Inland Wetland/Floodplain Filling Applications

The Chair noted all items are up for action this evening.

A. Information - IW #1182, application of The Fourteen-0-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.

Sev Bovino, Planner with Kratzert, Jones representing the applicant referred to the overall map showing the entire property of 9 acres, plus or minus, of the property which is in the commission's packet.

We are in front of you because there was an encroachment into wetlands and the buffer (indicated). The wetlands was delineated and we located it. The plans were revised to reflect the comments of Mr. Lavallee as to how to address the problems we have, ie: removing debris from the buffer, loaming and seeding the buffer areas as recommended by the commissioners during the site walk. Also, we are removing the encroachment in the wetland area and restoring with plantings listed on the plans.

The proposal is to place four monuments on the north side of the wetlands with a marker indicating wetlands. And, also the proposal is show jersey barriers located on the north side along the buffer line. The applicant prefers jersey barriers versus boulders.

Discussion.

The sediment will be removed from the swale that's next to Shed #6. The swale will be improved and there'll be matting. Erosion check dams will be placed in the swale to prevent additional siltation of that small wetlands just south of the leak off there.

The proposal is also to have the right to maintain this Shed #6 within the buffer. You saw it was self enclosed, concrete floor. There's note on the plans indicating that we're not going to have any chemicals or hazardous material type of storage in that area.

Mr. Lavallee noted that the Minutes of the sitewalk indicated that an alternating row of 5' plus boulders in concrete bounds with signage will be provided along the 50' upland review area. I don't

know if the jersey barriers are too convenient to move as opposed to the boulders.

Discussion.

Discussion about the markers being at the 50' upland review line as opposed to the wetlands boundary.

Mr. Bovino agreed to move the four concrete bounds to the 50' upland review area line. We will put them along the northerly side where the barriers are. Four concrete monuments equally spaced.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve IW1182 as presented with the stipulations just noted as to moving the concrete bounds at the upland review area property edge as well as the native shrubbery inclusion in the mitigation area for mitigation. Mr. Sullivan seconded.

Motion passed 5 to 0 on a roll call vote.

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

The Assistant Town Planner advised a table has been requested this evening. They're going to work a plan.

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

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

Mr. Lavallee said the applicants had a conflict this evening. But they indicated to me that they put in a purchase order for the shrubs, specifically, the hybrid blueberry. I told them they could get started on it as part of the mitigation. I don't see anything that would hold it up at this point.

Mr. Borowy said he was satisfied with the efforts of the homeowners and their understanding of intent, so he made a motion to approve IW1184 as presented and as reviewed by the Assistant Town Planner. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0 on a roll call vote.

Communications

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

No response.

Conservation Issues/Unfinished Business/Miscellaneous

Dates for 2011. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2011. Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Lavallee reported on a possible violation on Westbrook Drive. I will be looking into it as to the possible fill in the upland review area directly adjacent to the wetlands.

He also brought up the lot on Berlin Avenue and East Street which we just approved a couple of different things on. They do want a garden, which is permitted as of right, and it's in the upland review area. No big issue with it. I just want further clarification. I will encourage them to do it on grade. They're going to do it in the spring. It's going to be on the upland side to the right of the house if you're looking in the back. Near where the woodpile is going to be stacked.

No sitewalks to schedule this evening.

Adjournment - Upon motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 o'clock, p.m.