

SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
 Regular Meeting  
 Thursday, January 6, 2011  
 7:00 pm - Town Hall Council Chambers  
 75 Main Street, Southington, Connecticut

MINUTES

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2011. Acting Chairman James Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, viz:

James Sullivan, Chris Borowy, Ted Cabata, John DeMello\* & Dennis Palmieri

Alternates: William Camp  
 Richard Post

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

David Lavallee, Environmental Planner  
 Louis Martocchio, Assistant Town Attorney

(\*Arrived where noted.)

Absent: Kevin Conroy, Commissioner

The Chair seated Alternate Commissioner Camp for Mr. Conroy and Alternate Commissioner Post for Mr. DeMello for this evening's meeting. A quorum was determined.

**THERESA ALBANESE, Chair, presiding:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of December 2, 2010

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

(\* Mr. DeMello entered the meeting)

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cabata gave the Treasurer's Report to date. Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve the report as read. Mr. Palmieri 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 - 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 Tpke and Judd Brook.

Mr. Lavallee reported the applicant has asked for a table. They do believe they will be in with the application in February. They are going back to the original design hanging it from the bridge.

Mr. DeMello made a motion to table. Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Chair reseated Mr. DeMello. And, the motion was redone.

Mr. DeMello made a motion to table. Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

## 8. Communications

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

Arthur Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue. Spoke about water issues on the new section of Rails to Trails about a month ago. He said he was having a problem with the Rails to Trails Phase II Committee members and the construction company and the engineering company. It affects your duties.

Atwater Street, where the trails goes along there, the contractor did not install the trail correctly and there is no swale between Atwater Street and the new trail. Any water coming off of Atwater Street ran across the flat spot and then crossed the trail and out the other side of the trail into your wetlands which were marked and there was some protection there but it literally got blown away.

After the second time it happened, the contractor went back and instead of putting the gravel back that had been washed away, he filled in with topsoil.

Discussion.

The next day I took my camera and went back and took pictures. Every bit of topsoil they had thrown in, it was headed for the wetlands.

Discussion.

Spoke of his issues with the Rails to Trails Committee, so he sent the pictures to Ms. Albanese and Mr. DeMello.

I will say that once this was sent to Ms. Albanese, she did send it to the Dave and he got them to go down there and put 15 bays of hale behind it and stake them in. That'll take care of the problem for the winter. They'll have to go back in the spring and dig the wetlands out and hopefully everybody will track that and make sure it is done in a timely manner.

I can't believe --- in this case it was designed right but built wrong. And, there is no swale there even though there is a catch basin at both ends. No swale in the middle. That aggravates me.

It also aggravates me that we are paying an onsite inspector from this engineering company to go out and keep track of the contractor and apparently he is not doing a very good job. When it comes to wasting town money, I get really upset. Trust me.

I felt this was the best way to handle it. Although, Mr. Grappone is very nice about it, when I sent him an email, he responded right way but the contractor didn't do it.

There were no safety rails at the M/W Road Bridge or the river crossing in Plantsville. And, somebody finally did go down and do something after like 2.5 months.

I would ask you to monitor this in the spring. That's a definite problem area.

Spoke about the picture on the website of the old brownstone bridge crossing the Quinnipiac River in the northern part of town. (Behind Price Chopper/Ocean State Job Lot headed toward the police department.) I discovered this when walking Phase IV of Rails to Trails which is a ways away.

Discussion of wetlands in the next two phases of wetlands. In Phase IV there are a lot of wetlands. Once they get north of Lazy Lane there is a lot of wetlands.

Discussion.

Mr. Lavallee said it has been secured and they are going to put the swale in on Phase II. And, then reseed it. Mr. Lavallee said as soon as he heard about it, it got done. I should be the point person in the future.

Discussion.

Spoke about the extensive punch list for Phase II.

Discussion about Phase III.

#### 9. Conservation Issues/Unfinished Business/Miscellaneous

- Extension Request - 5 year request for IW #1037; 45 units/condos on Tridell Drive.

Mr. Lavallee said there has been no action out there.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to grant a five year renewal approval for IW 1037. Mr. Camp seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

- Aquifer Protection Program - Mr. Lavelle advised it is still in its initial stages. We did send out the outreach letter. The state is requiring that businesses register. No residential is involved at this point.

If they deal with any chemicals, they fill out a request to us as to what they do in their business. We make sure that if applicable, they use best management practices and register with us.

There is a meeting coming up for all affected on January 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a public information meeting.

A lot of businesses that are required to register already have that information from the state. At this point, they are waiving the application fee for people who don't have current registration with the state. As far as the regulations go, I think there is a fine. They passed the regulations in 2007-2008.

Discussion of the process the town will follow when an application comes in.

- Elizabeth Gardens on Meriden Waterbury Road. This is an informal request. Originally, all these units (indicating about 34 units proposed and requested for duplex) there is a request now to

reduce the impervious cover by 46 percent. They are going to propose 14 single family homes.

The question is: based on the same footprint of impact in terms of encroachment, do you want a full blown application to come back or do you want to do a revision to the original one?

Discussion.

The buffer will stay the same. There is no further encroachment.  
Discussion.

Everyone agreed the 46 percent reduction in impervious cover is a good thing and what the commission wants.

After discussion, it was decided to go ahead with an administrative approval.

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

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 o'clock, p.m.)