

Southington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Special On Site Meeting
Saturday, February 20th 2010- 9:00 AM
Minutes

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a Special On Site Meeting on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 to view two Inland Wetland Applications. All regular Commission members were present with the exception of Mr. DeMello and Mr. Conroy. Also present was David Lavallee, Environmental Planner.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Alt. Commissioner Camp was seated for Mr. Conroy. The first site visited was for IW #1170, application of Central CT Contractors seeking to fill a portion of wetlands and upland review area for an access drive and stormwater management areas associated with a new sports complex off of Smoron Drive. Representing the applicant were David Hughes and Wilhelm Thiel from H. Cole Surveying and Cynthia Rabinowitz, Soil Scientist. Mr. Hughes presented the area where the access is proposed and the small area of fill that the roadway would cross. Miss Rabinowitz spoke about the soils in the area and the type of wetlands involved. A meadow and pasture wetland was seen. Two small ponds were noted on the plan. The Commission would like to see an assessment of these areas for the presence of Vernal Pool characteristics/species. No mention of their potential was made in the soils report. The next area on site viewed was the stream corridor and outfall from the stormwater management pond. Given the slope from the pond to the outfall, a drop manhole could be designed according to Mr. Hughes. Some armoring of the far bank is appropriate given the erosive quality of the soils present. The headwall from the State's drainage from Rte. 84 was pointed out as the contributing base flow source. The parking area adjacent to the building will have its own small detention/infiltration area that will tie in to the larger pond. The back side of the large meadow was seen on the way out of the site. Many hummocks were noted, some outside of the delineated area. Further assessment of this area may be done. The item was put up for a Table by Mr. Cabata, seconded by Mr. Sullivan; passed with all in favor.

The second site visited was 825 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike, application of Dr. Craig Bogdanski seeking permission to keep unpermitted processed stone in the upland review area/wetland. Sev Bovino from Kratzert and Jones was present along with Dr. Bogdanski. The area of impact was pointed out. A restoration plan was shown depicting the stone pulled back to the 20' PZC planted buffer from the property lines. Additional plantings were proposed along with a dry well to handle sheet run-off from the less pervious cover. A motion to Table was made by Mr. Cabata and seconded by Mr. Sullivan; passed with all in favor.

The items for discussion included IW #1161.1, the BJ's proposal on Spring Street. Revised plans have been submitted and will be presented at the next IW meeting on March 4th. A formal presentation is appropriate. The second item discussed was a field change on the Marion Highlands Sewer Project. At the first crossing, a third pipe is proposed to relieve storm flow pressure on the channel. A 24" pipe was proposed. The Commission agreed that this is appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. via a motion by Mr. Cabata and second by Mr. Sullivan with all in favor.