

SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
 Regular Meeting  
 Thursday, April 7, 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, April 7, 2011. Chairperson Theresa Albanese 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

Absent:           Kevin Conroy, Commissioner

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by everyone in attendance.

**THERESA ALBANESE, Chair, presiding:**

**4. Approval of Minutes: Meeting of March 3, 2011**

Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2011 as presented. Mr. Palmieri seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

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

**6. Reports from Public, Press and Ex-Officio Members regarding items scheduled for action.**

None this evening.

**7. Inland Wetland/Floodplain Filling Applications**

**A. IW#1187/FF#226 - Application of the Town of Southington seeking to restore a washed out section of Churchill Road and stabilize/mitigate the area. Property located on Churchill Street and the 8 Mile River.**

Mr. Lavallee reported that years ago this was attempted but there really wasn't a sound solution that was pursued. But at this point it seems to have necessitated - by having some available resources including some paving that can be done to the area and some rip rap installation. There is quite a bit of processed stone material that has washed across this section of Churchill on the Mount Vernon side. The Eight Mile River can't fit through the culvert that is there, so it goes over the road. It washes out and affects the accessibility to the camps that are in back. During high flows you can't get a vehicle in there.

It has affected the wetlands. There is processed within 2000 square feet in there that will be removed.

The most recent storm in early March really pushed it a little too far and this should take care of the restoration out there. This is a long term temporary fix. The Town Engineer did the design on it. Explained rip rap on the sides, eighteen inch rip rap, gravity concrete. Nothing within the wetland. It's all in the banks for the existing road with 4.5 inches of pavement on top.

We are only mitigating the processed stone that blew out. There are some shrubs they'll have to get a flat bucket around. Explained as soon as they are through the stone, they'll see the soil and they can stop. They can actually use the process as a base for the road.

There is a floodplain filling application as well but it's not raising the elevation because it has been scoured so much. It's just disturbance within the floodplain.

Discussion.

It is long overdue at this point.

Mr. Cabata made a motion to put IW1187 up for action. Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Cabata made a motion to approve IW1187. Mr. Sullivan seconded. Motion passed 7 to 0 on a roll call vote.

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to send a favorable recommendation on FF #226. Mr. Camp seconded. Motion passed 7 to 0 on a roll call vote.

**8. Communications**

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

None this evening.

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

**- Discussion of Inland Wetland Application process guidelines**

Mr. Lavallee noted something that Dick Post had sent out for the zoning department. He did come up with something for the Town Manager in terms of process for your review. You can amend that how you want.

The invasive species handout is going to go out with the planting give away on May 21, 2011. Again, it is in conjunction with Touch A Truck. We have roughly 225 blue spruce seedlings to give away.

This will all be on the website. We are in the process of streamlining our website so it will all be in one spot for our information.

Notification of posting of Minutes is available, as well.

The Conservation Commission is going to have town email addresses. It's in the process. You can let Mr. Lavallee know if you're interested.

Mr. Lavallee again stated Dick Post wanted to do a flow chart for those explaining when an applicant has to come before the commission. Mr. Lavallee noted the town is getting software for flow charts and that'll help out.

Discussion.

Mr. Lavallee advised it was requested that the bridge work at Pacer Lane be allowed to start earlier in the season. There weren't any specific conditions about low flow. I don't have an issue with it. We will work out the logistics of the crossing which would be the same regardless of the flow. I requested a letter to put in the file. It was not a condition so it's not really a change.

Everyone agreed by head nod.

The opening of the Rails to Trails Section II will be the first Saturday in June. A press release will be done on that.

The open space committee will have another open to the public site walk. It's Saturday, June 21, 2011 at 10:00 am. It's going to be at the Griffin Piece next to Circle G where Laning takes that sharp bend. It's an

80 acre parcel. It connects to the Novick Piece making about 150 total acres of open space.

Mr. Lavallee will send out a reminder to the commissioners.

The trails on the property were discussed.

Mr. Lavallee reported the open space committee is moving forward with a community garden site on Academy Street. The parking is on street and in a municipal parking lot during the evening and weekends. Lots of parking spaces. Hopefully, the end of May we'll pick them by a lottery system. There are 20 plots 4 by 12, picked yearly.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Camp seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 o'clock, p.m.)