

Southington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency  
Special On Site Meeting  
Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 5:00 PM  
Minutes

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a Special On Site Meeting on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 to view three Inland Wetland Applications. All regular Commission members were present with the exception of Mr. Barry and Mr. DeMello. Alt. Commissioner Camp was seated for Commissioner Barry; Alt. Commissioner Hulick was seated for Commissioner DeMello. Also present was David Lavallee; Environmental Planner.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was determined. The first site visited was IW #1159, Town of Southington sewer interceptor from Panthorn Park to Mt. Vernon Road. Asst. Town Engineers Jim Grappone and Annette Turnquist were present to discuss the project. The sewer line route was pointed out on plans and crossings were shown in the field. Erosion control and construction sequencing were detailed. The soil excavated in the wetlands should be put back in kind to assure proper hydrology. If dewatering is necessary, filter bags will be placed on the discharge hoses. The Environmental Planner will be on site during construction to supervise the work within sensitive areas. A motion to table the item was made by Commissioner Borowy and seconded by Mr. Cabata with all in favor.

The second site visited was IW #1158, application of Scott Putnam seeking to remove sediment from a ponded sump and watercourse at the corner of Flanders Rd. and Flanders Street. The site was approved for similar maintenance work in the 90's and is now in need of clearing again. The work will be done during low flow conditions and dewatering of the work area will be required. The excavated material will be brought off site. A motion to approve the application was made by Commissioner Conroy and seconded by Commissioner Cabata with all in favor.

The final site visit was IW #1156; application of Philip Doyle seeking to discharge stormwater adjacent to wetlands and grade for flared end structures within upland review area. The work is associated with a commercial development. Soil Scientist David Lord was present along with representatives from LADA Land Planning Terry Hahn and Kevin Clark. Also present was Al Dione representing the land owner. Miss Hahn gave an overview of the project and areas of impact. Aerial photos depicting conditions and increasing limits of work on site taken in 1934, 51, 65, 91 and 2006 were handed out and discussed. The Commission was led to an area that exhibited signs of wetland hydrology based on vegetation (hydrophytes) and soil auguring was done to rule out wetland soils. The soils were disturbed and did have organic content but it was mixed with coarse sand and was apparently free draining. Given the mixed soil profile, a deep hole test will be performed and documented to get a better idea of hydrology. Next, Mr. Lord pointed out the vernal pool on the southwest portion of the site within the treeline. Wood frog eggs, (an obligate vernal pool species) were noted by Mr. Lord on a previous visit. A previous

version of the site plan showed stormwater being discharged in the vicinity of the pool, but under

advisement of the Environmental Planner the discharge was directed further to the north into a wetland complex away from the pool. The Commission walked the edge of delineated wetlands in a northerly direction and came to a spot adjacent to the existing pathway that was not included in the delineation but should be. Revised plans will show this area that is found adjacent to the proposed detention area. The need for a Phase 1 was entertained, as the site is directly adjacent to Pratt & Whitney's old site that has monitoring wells close to the property line. Give the pond excavation proposed in the vicinity, Miss Hahn will have a Phase 1 report generated. A motion to table was made by Mr. Cabata and seconded by Mr. Camp with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.