

SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
 Regular Meeting
 Thursday, July 1, 2010
 7:00 pm - Town Hall Council Chambers
 75 Main Street, Southington, Connecticut

MINUTES

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a public hearing & regular meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010. Acting Chairperson James Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

Chris Borowy, Ted Cabata, Kevin Conroy, and John DeMello

Alternates:

Richard Post

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

David Lavallee, Assistant Town Planner

Louis Martocchio, Ass't Town Attorney

Absent: Dennis Palmieri, Commissioner
 William Camp, Alternate Commissioner
 Theresa Albanese, Chair

The Chair seated Richard Post for Dennis Palmieri. A quorum was determined.

JAMES SULLIVAN, Acting Chair, presiding

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting: June 3rd, 2010

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

Special Meeting: June 9th, 2010

Mr. Cabata made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Mr. Post seconded. Motion passed on a majority voice vote with Mr. DeMello abstaining.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cabata gave the Treasurer's report to date. Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Conroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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

None this evening.

Inland Wetland/Floodplain Filling Applications

A. Information/Action - IW #1172, application of Scott Lucian seeking to keep a retaining wall within the upland review area/Conservation Easement for property located at 50 Monarch Drive.

Mr. Lavallee reported the invasive species were removed (bamboo). Mr. Cabata made a motion to approve IW #1172. Mr. DeMello seconded. Motion passed 5 to 0 1 with Mr. DeMello abstaining.

B. Information/Action - IW #1173, application of the Town of Southington seeking to replace a bridge on Old Mountain Road which will include filling of wetlands and stream re-alignment.

Dennis Garceau from WMC Consulting Engineers. He reviewed the presentation he had given at last month's meeting.

Mr. Lavallee recommended two stipulations:

- in stream work be done during the low flow season which a requirement for the Army Corp.

- Plastic sheeting within the channel downstream of the culvert as there is a bypass proposed.

He also noted that the terbity curtains were not necessary.
Discussion.

Mr. Borowy made a motion to approve to IW #1173 with the stipulations suggested. Mr. Post seconded. Motion passed 6 to 1 on a voice vote.

C. Information - IW #1174, application of Mt. Southington Ski area seeking to cross a wetland for recreational development, 396 Mount Vernon Road

Ed Beckely, President of Mount Southington Ski Area. We are submitting an application to cross a ditch that has a wetlands

configuration. The purpose is to put in a conveyor lift, more state of the art. He discussed the lift to be put in and passed around a picture. The reason for crossing the ditch also is that this particular lift will allow us to go to the trail that we were going to before but this ditch crossing will allow us to go the other way. This left unloads both ways so we can access both trails.

Discussion.

Mr. Lavallee said he did look at it and it's a previously disturbed area. Some t-bars were there before and chunks of concrete within the resource. Some potential for remediation there. Some invasive species, I think with some cooperation, we can get removed.

Mr. Conroy made a motion to table IW1174. Mr. Borowy seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Sitewalk set for July 7, 2010.

D. Information - IW#1175, application of Michael Ambrose seeking to clear upland review area and fill within upland review area for landscape improvements and reinforcement of a slope adjacent to the foundation, 45 Copper Ridge Drive.

Mr. Lavallee reported this came about as a result of a site walk. Some of the activity on site was of a concern to the neighbors. Some of the activity was done and the homeowner didn't know what permits were required. There was concern about some movement of structures on site. He wants to fill against the foundation. It does require work within 50' of a regulated area which is the watercourse.

The applicant, Mike Ambrose stated that they are seeking to bring in the fill to shore up the bank. Explained there has been some movement on the deck. He explained the watercourse right now is filled with stump rock, an old fence.

Mr. Conroy made a motion to table IW1175. Mr. Cabata seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Sitewalk set for July 7th, 2010.

Communications

A. Reports from public, press and ex-officio members regarding items other than those scheduled for action

None this evening.

Conservation Issues/Unfinished Business/ Miscellaneous

- 1 year extension request for Ridgeview Estates - IW #939,
2021 West Street

Mr. Lavallee advised this was part of an ongoing extension for Ridgeview Estates. They have done some work to intercept some sheetflow from behind. He explained they put in smart drains which have been working really well. Erosion control blankets are in. The project is progressing nicely. A one year extension seems to be the way to go as opposed to granting the full amount left.

Mr. Cabata made a motion to approve the one year extension. Mr. DeMello seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

- 5 year extension request for 118 Flanders Road, single family home

Mr. Lavallee said the first 5 years is up. The conservation easement for the wetlands on site has now been filed. Mr. DeMello made a motion to approve the 5 year extension request. Mr. Post seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

- Prospect Street Field - Farm Use Exemption Status

Mr. Lavallee reported this has been an ongoing matter for a while. Some approval was granted, some understanding of an exemption to the property owner that a roadway could be put in. It wasn't fully understood by the property owner as to what that would include in terms of activity. Under Army Corp regs you can't fill a wetland, but you can put an access road in for a farm. There has been a lot of interest in this site due to a report from the soil scientist saying it's mostly wetlands. I have noted a boat on a trailer there which is outside the exemption. It has since been removed. And, there is some equipment there now that I assume is to be used for a remedy to the situation. I don't see any need for action at this point in terms of enforcement as long as compliance is moving forward.

Andy Florian, property owner explained his conversations with Dave Lavallee. He explained the land was purchased to be for storage.

Explained.

Mr. Borowy explained to Mr. Florian the commission had some reservations about the storage of vehicle fuel on site. Mr. Florian said they would not be doing any major storing there.

A discussion followed between the Commissioners and the property owner regarding what would be done with the site.

Mr. Conroy explained the exemption and what it allows. Straight forward exemption for equipment to farm, that's allowable. If you're bringing in other equipment to store, that's not allowed.

Discussion.

The Assistant Town Planner said he would go through the exemption with the property owner to be sure he is aware of exactly what the exemption allows.

Discussion.

Fuel oil and diesel fuel used would be in plastic cans.

Mr. Florian said he would come to the commission when necessary but he was also going to use the land to the best of its possibility.

Discussion.

He added that the property has been hayed.

- Spring Street Sewer Extension

Mr. Lavallee reported to the commission the sewer on Spring Street eventually will tie into the Smoron Drive sewer. It's going to go beneath the bridge and hung on an I-beam. What type of permitting do you want for it? It's within the roadway. It's 10 feet suspended above the Quinnipiac River.

Discussion.

In response to a request by the Commission, Mr. Lavallee will bring a broad-based engineering narrative.

- Request to extend subdivision 812.1 which is on Spring Street. It is a 7-lot subdivision. After discussion, it was decided to put this item on the Agenda for next month.

Adjournment - Mr. Cabata made a motion to adjourn. Mr. DeMello seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 o'clock, p.m.)