

SOUTHINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
On Site Public Hearing
Wednesday, May 22, 2013

MINUTES

The Southington Inland Wetlands Agency held a special public hearing meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Chairperson Theresa Albanese called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock, p.m.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

James Sullivan, Chris Borowy, Jeff Crown & Mary Etter

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

David Lavallee, Assistant Town Planner

Absent: Greg Ali & William Camp, Commissioners
Richard Post, Alternate Commissioner

A quorum was determined.

Representing the applicant: Stephen Giudice form Harry Cole & Son Surveying, Rusty Rogers, Applicant: Jen Beno, biologist and Tom Pietras, soil scientist both with Soil Science and Environmental Services and Jeff Gworek from Diversified Environmental Services.

Many residents from the area were present, as well.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THE AUDIO RECORDING

THERESA ALBANESE, Chair, presiding:

A. Map Amendment #144 - Application of Wonk Spring Partnership, LLC seeking to amend the Southington Inland Wetlands Map to reflect the findings of Soil Scientist Tom Pietras. Property located on Wonx Spring Road, Assessor's Map 062, Parcel 142.

THE CHAIR: What we are going to do is walk into the site. And, where is? Okay.

MR. GIUDICE: The applicant is not here, yet.

THE CHAIR: The applicant is not here. So, oh, the applicant is here.

Okay.

MR. GIUDICE: One of the things I just wanted to mention is the purpose of this public hearing tonight is a map amendment. The Town of Southington has official inland wetland maps and we are proposing to amend that map. The map - Dave, did you bring that map?

MR. LAVALLEE: Yes. It's right there.

THE CHAIR: Amend the map for the wetlands.

MR. GIUDICE: The map shows that --- this is a 200-scale map.

THE CHAIR: Let's hold it up maybe.

MR. GIUDICE: It identifies wetland soils on this parcel.

UNIDENTIFIED: Is the map that the state went over?

MR. GIUDICE: No.

THE CHAIR: No, no. This is a wetlands map. A town inland wetland map.

UNIDENTIFIED: But the state actually paid ---

MR. GIUDICE: Can we just do our spiel and then you have the option to talk.

This map is the official town map. It was done by the Town of Southington in 1970. But it is an official town wetlands map. What happens is any time we have a piece of property, the flagged wetlands that we find on the site are different than what this map shows, we have to do a map amendment. So we are changing the designated wetland areas on this map according to what was found on the site per the flags that were done when the State of Connecticut was involved in the remediation of the site.

So the blue lines indicate the wetlands that we are proposing. These dashed lines in through here, in through here and in through here, the black lines are the old map. The old mapped lines.

So we are proposing to change the black lines to the blue lines.

That's the purpose of this public hearing, to identify the difference between the wetlands that were flagged on site with the wetlands that are shown on this map.

THE CHAIR: And, that's the application.

MR. GIUDICE: The public hearing has nothing to do with the development of the parcel.

THE CHAIR: Okay?

UNIDENTIFIED: At what point should we present our concerns?

THE CHAIR: If you have concerns regarding the map amendment and the wetlands designation ---

UNIDENTIFIED: Yup.

THE CHAIR: --- when we're walking through here. Regarding the wetlands. Regarding the map amendment.

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes. Our concerns are really all about wetlands.

THE CHAIR: All right.

MR. GIUDICE: The question is, the issue though is if you do have an opinion that the wetlands that are flagged are not accurate then tonight would be the time to talk about it. Particular areas that are wetlands that you don't believe ---- or are not designated as wetlands and you think they are wetlands, then this would be the time to talk about it.

UNIDENTIFIED: (Inaudible) Do they check at different times of the year? I assume they check that? Or do they only check at one time of the year? Like when is that done?

MR. GIUDICE: Tom?

THE CHAIR: Is Tom here?

MR. GIUDICE: He disappeared for a second.

THE CHAIR: Okay, we'll get the wetlands scientist.

MR. GIUDICE: Wetlands can be done in almost any time of the year. Generally, wetlands are not based on water. Wetlands are based on soil conditions and vegetation and not ---

THE CHAIR: In Connecticut they are based on soils, basically. That is really how they are designated as wetlands. It's based on soils. The type of soils. And, we can have the soil scientist speak to that. I don't know where he is, though.

UNIDENTIFIED: What steps does the developer have to go through to (inaudible) you amended map?

THE CHAIR: They retain the soil scientist to come out there and delineate the wetlands. As they should be accurately delineated or depicted on a plan.

MR. BOROWY: The commission then approves that. They do a site walk if they have any concerns about it and try to match that up to what they see. And, if they want to bring in their own professionals they can do that to second or to contest the original proposal.

UNIDENTIFIED: So, I contest the square footage that we're talking about ---

THE CHAIR: Of the wetland area?

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Yes, yes. I have a hand out and on Appendix B - I didn't know if you guys got copies. I have copies for everyone.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Appendix B.

MR. BOROWY: We got it in an email (inaudible).

MR. LAVALLEE: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So, can I speak here or at this point?

THE CHAIR: Well, at this point I think we need to --- where is Tom?

MR. GIUDICE: Tom is right here.

THE CHAIR: Tom, you are the soil scientist and you are the one who delineated the flagged the existing wetlands (inaudible).

MR. PIETRAS: I (inaudible) the map that was done by the State of Connecticut by engineering firm that was submitted to the DEEP.

THE CHAIR: So you came out here and you reviewed ---

MR. PIETRAS: Reviewed ---

THE CHAIR: --- the existing areas that were mapped.

MR. PIETRAS: They were surveyed and mapped.

THE CHAIR: Right, okay. And, then made application to those (inaudible).

Okay.

When we had our site walk you came out and you confirmed those areas.

MR. PIETRAS: I was asked to look at three areas.

THE CHAIR: Right, exactly.

MR. PIETRAS: And, that's what I did. I wrote a report.

THE CHAIR: Right. And, we have a memo. We got that, exactly. Okay, all right.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So, can we talk about the vernal pond that's out there? Um ---

MR. LAVALLEE: Sure.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: There is a pond that's not identified on any of the plans that I've seen. I've been to the state and I've looked at the file. There is actually a picture of the file --- DEEP file.

THE CHAIR: Can we have your name, sir?

MR. PUNZO: Sorry. My name is Frank Punzo and I live on 170 Wonx Spring Road.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

MR. PUNZO: And, the residents in the area had serious concerns about you know, the variance in front of us and changing the wetlands in general.

THE CHAIR: So you are referring to an Appendix from ---

MR. PUNZO: It's probably easiest if I just talk about what I have to talk about to be honest with you.

THE CHAIR: Sure.

MR. PUNZO: Okay. So, um, again residents have some concerns. The first and foremost, most important to the residents is the proposed development is on a well documented and known to be polluted site. Please refer - I have a list of ---

THE CHAIR: Okay, excuse me. This, we are going to reiterate this a couple of times.

The purpose of this meeting, public hearing, is to talk about the wetlands and the map amendment. And, the proposed revisions to the map amendment.

MR. PUNZO: Right. And my point is and I think the residents ---

THE CHAIR: If you want to talk about the vernal pool, that's fine because that's a wetland.

MR. PUNZO: Well, just in general, we feel that modifying the wetlands or passing any variance at all risks some of the toxins being flushed up from the bedrock. We know that the bedrock --- while the ground flows this way, the bedrock flows towards the houses. So, we have concerns, you know, that the water we get in our basements, it has toxins.

So, when I went to the DEEP and asked for the file. I got a shopping cart. There is an appendix with the picture of the shopping cart full of the documents.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

MR. PUNZO: Summarizing the file is not too big --- not possible because it's just too big.

Suffice it to say that the land is extremely toxic. This is --- Kristen?

Yah, this land is one of two essentially ELURs in the city. Only two. There's Pratt & Whitney and United Technologies which is really the one.

But the fact of the matter is that this industrial site is in the middle of an industrial area. It's the only one that is in the middle of a residential area. So we have serious concerns about that.

Oh, um, so Appendix D shows that DEEP at one point paid for one of the residents in the area to have bottled water. I don't know if that resident is here, but for over a year. Suffice it to say that the land is pretty toxic and I just want to make sure that you know that.

THE CHAIR: Okay, there is going to be an opportunity for you to talk about those kinds of things. And, believe me, you will have that opportunity. But this public hearing we need to talk about wetlands and the existing wetlands and the ones that have been flagged and the map amendment that is before us at this hearing.

MR. PUNZO: Okay.

THE CHAIR: so, you mentioned a vernal pool. I did hear you say that.

MR. PUNZO: Yup. So I'd like to discuss the vernal pond that is not identified on any plans or studies thus far. This vernal pond is located at 41.5 latitude, negative 72.9 longitudes. There is picture of it in Appendix A of the handout. You can see it from the satellites. I believe a vernal pond is a regulated area in the inland wetland and watercourses regulation of the Town of Southington.

The reg states that you can't do anything within a 200 foot span of the vernal pool.

If you look at the overall grading and utility map on the proposal that we're talking about, um, 200 feet from that vernal pool would encompass most of Lot 1. It will also impact Lot 2 of the proposed drainage plans on the same plan. Drainage basins on the same plan.

I'd also like to express our concern that this pond wasn't identified on any of the studies done so far. When something that is very clearly in our wetlands regulations is missed on a study, it calls into question the entire study.

Um, we'd like to recommend that a new study is completed during next spring during the wet season. I would like to further recommend that a firm or the firm doing the study be recommended and approved by the neighborhood committee has formed on this topic. The point of contact for that committee is: Kristin Keska.

This is all in the document that I have given to you guys.

Um, third, I'd like to call into question the square footage of the impact being proposed here wetland wise. We should be talking about a much bigger number in terms of impact. The town's wetland regulation states that regulated areas are 50 feet beyond the identified wetlands. On the proposed plot plan, all subdivisions except 3, 4 and 9 have either a building, a parking lot or a drainage basin infringing on the 50 foot border.

I've listed the wetland flag numbers that contain the violations in Appendix B of the hand out.

Again, we recommend that this variance be denied and that a new plan with an accurate assessment of variance be filed after an independent and accurate depiction of the wetland is completed.

Um, the rest of what I have is really just talking about the toxicity of the property.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

MR. PUNZO: And, the fact that changing anything wetland wise concerns us that we are going to get toxins in our basements. We are concerned that who is going to be responsible if we do get toxins in the basement.

THE CHAIR: And, then also you need to know --- do you have those coordinates for the vernal pool? Is it in the handout?

UNIDENTIFIABLE: You have it.

THE CHAIR: All right.

MR. GIUDICE: First, I want to clarify. We are not proposing any variances. We have a town map that was produced by aerial photography that identified areas that they thought would be wetlands.

What happens when you flag a wetland is someone goes with an auger and actually identifies a soil change between upland and a wetland soil. Once that's done, they hang a flag. And, that flag is surveyed. An accurate survey. That's what was proposed and that's what was shown on the map that's on file. The DEEP map. That's what we're proposing to change the town map to.

We're taking a map that's done from an aerial photography and we're proposing to change it to a field located wetland. We are not -- this application right now, this map amendment does not propose to fill any wetlands or dig any holes. What this application is we have before you now is just to modify the lines we have on the official map from what was done from an aerial photograph to what's actually been done in the field.

If there is a vernal pool that you believe that exists, we will definitely look into that. I'm not aware of it. So, we'll look at it. I'm sure the commission would want us to do that, as well.

The other thing I just --- from your comments, the regulated area in the Town of Southington is the wetland, the limit of the wetland where it changes from a wetland to an upland soil.

The upland review area is 50 feet from that point.

THE CHAIR: That's also an area that ---

MR. GIUDICE: That's an area that is under review. Some people call it a buffer area. A review area. That is something that we also identify on our application as area of disturbance.

The buildings and parking lots you see on this plan are conceptual in nature. They're not technically part of our application. We put them on there to say this is what could be built here. Every single one of these lots would have to have an individual site plan that would be submitted to this commission and the planning and zoning commission at a later date.

The application that is before you right now is to construct the road, utilities and storm drainage.

UNIDENTIFIED: There is a variance that's needed.

THE CHAIR: It's not a variance. It is not called that.

MR. GIUDICE: We are proposing to fill approximately 3,000 square feet of wetland as part of this application. They are disturbed wetland. Its 3,000 square feet.

But we are not requesting a variance. It's an amendment.

THE CHAIR: It's an amendment to the existing map.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: (Inaudible question)

MR. GIUDICE: The wetland area? We are not proposing to replace that area, no.

MR. PUNZO: But I think the impacted area is much larger than the 3,000 square feet. If you look at the state, part of the ELUR, where they marked the wetlands and you compare that to the map which I think we should all do this, compare it to the map that's part of the plan, it's more than 3,000 square feet.

MR. GIUDICE: You know -

THE CHAIR: You mean as far as you're seeing a total area of wetlands in the ELUR that's greater than 3,000? The total area of wetlands ---

MR. PUNZO: The affected area that is part of ---

MR. GIUDICE: I guess my question is: What are you basing that information on?

THE CHAIR: And, these are just conceptual plans.

MR. PUNZO: I'm basing it on the documents that are filed with the state.

THE CHAIR: So we have two -

MR. GIUDICE: You compared that to the --- I'm sorry.

THE CHAIR: Yah, but we have an existing map that's from 1970 and now we have a new map that shows a modified wetland areas. Modified flags areas of wetlands. So that's the area that is being --- that is part of this public hearing, to amend that map from 1970. That wasn't physically, you know, there weren't physical wetlands that were flagged on the site. We using aerial photos as Mr. Giudice said.

So, at this point, what you see, what you'll see and we can walk around and I think we are allowed to walk on the property. We can walk around and see some of the wetland areas and you can see what's existing as far as what has been --- what's existing.

There is a portion of the road that exists already which you know of. So I think, this isn't for an application for development. This is just to modify the existing map amendment. The map.

MR. GIUDICE: We have two applications before the commission. We have a map amendment application and we have an inland wetland disturbance application.

This hearing is for the map amendment. So, the whole point of it, and I know it sounds like what is the difference, but from the legal, the legality standpoint, the public hearing has to be specific to the map amendment. That's what this public hearing is about.

And, that's why we keep saying we have to talk about just the change in the delineation. The change from the town map to the delineated location. That's what the point of this public hearing is about.

MR. PUNZO: So when you said there was an elimination of 3,000 square feet ----

THE CHAIR: No, no, no, no. No.

MR. GIUDICE: I am talking about the other application. I am talking about the development plans.

The development --- these are one application and this is another application. This is the application that we're talking about right now.

The public hearing ---

THE CHAIR: The disturbance will be another public hearing on that, as well.

At this point we don't ---

MR. GIUDICE: There hasn't been a public hearing on disturbance. And, I don't know if there will be a public hearing or not.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So that will be determined by what you guys find out and determine --- (inaudible).

THE CHAIR: Usually, IF it is a significant impact. A significant impact um, drives that reason for it to be considered a public hearing.

MR. PUNZO: But I think the residents would say that since this is a toxic area, any change is a significant impact. And, we would request there be a public hearing on that.

THE CHAIR: I mean, I'm sure ---

MR. BOROWY: It takes 25 people to petition to make it a public hearing.

THE CHAIR: Yes, you could do that, as well.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: We've got more than that here.

THE CHAIR: That is something that you can do, as well. But that's not this public hearing.

This public hearing is to look at the physical limits of wetlands that are flagged on site and to compare them to the map, the existing map from 1970, which is of course old and probably not accurate, obviously. And, to say, this is what's really here.

MR. PUNZO: Are you --- (inaudible).

THE CHAIR: That is a separate application. This public hearing is just for the map amendment for the wetlands. And, that is when you brought up the vernal pool that is a concern, yes.

MR. PUNZO: I have a question regarding wetlands. So that the amendment that you are going for, is that the same? Are you going to mark it the same as the flags that is in the ELUR document?

MR. GIUDICE: Right. There was a survey done by Mehan & Goodin. That's the reference map we used for our delineation.

MR. PUNZO: And, you are going to delineate it exactly the same as that one?

MR. GIUDICE: That delineation has been placed on the town map. Superimposed on this map. That is the delineation that we're holding.

MR. PUNZO: So that is the only thing that is up for discussion today?

THE CHAIR: That's it.

MR. PUNZO: Is you are going to delineate it and make it the same as Mehan & Goodin.

MR. GIUDICE: Right.

THE CHAIR: As long as the commission ---

MR. GIUDICE: As long as the commission agrees with it.

THE CHAIR: --- agrees with the map.

MR. GIUDICE: That Mehan & Goodin map has areas that are designated as wetlands that the town map says are not wetland. It has areas that the town says are wetland and the Mehan & Goodin map says they are not wetlands.

So, it is again, when the town map was done, it was a guess. It was like we think it's this based on the topography. Based on this and based on that.

THE CHAIR: And, we know how technology is now a days and things of course are different and therein Mr. Pietras was out there confirming what was out there based on the soils. The soils really don't change per say. I mean --- but that map back in 1970 wasn't done based on soils. So ---

MR. GIUDICE: I am not positive where that came from. A lot of the early maps came from the Hartford County Soil and Conservation.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Just a point of information. You said petition --- what wording did you use?

THE CHAIR: Significant impact.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Can I ask you a question about the map amendment?

THE CHAIR: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: What is the estimated difference from what was established in the 70's ---

THE CHAIR: That's a great question.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: --- and what this new map would say?

THE CHAIR: Do we have that?

MR. GIUDICE: I don't know if we have that.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: (Inaudible) --- a disturbance that's just a - But what would be that?

MR. GIUDICE: What we're doing is we're basically identifying the wetlands by a more accurate test.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: By doing a walk. I was wondering about the quantity.

MR. GIUDICE: I don't know the exact quantity.

THE CHAIR: I don't know if we actually added wetlands or if we reduced them a little bit based on what we found in 1970. We can definitely figure that out. I mean, we can ---

MR. GIUDICE: We can figure it out.

THE CHAIR: I don't think it is on our application.

MR. GIUDICE: It's not, it's almost ---

THE CHAIR: It's based, we are modifying ---

MR. GIUDICE: It almost doesn't matter because you are just basically doing a more accurate survey. Sometimes there will be a little more and sometimes a little less. Here we kind of have a wash. We have give and take. Some areas where they're saying they are and some areas they aren't.

What's here is what is really wetland. What is on this map previously, ---

(Inaudible comments)

THE CHAIR: That's what we're going to look at. And, those coordinates are in this um ---

MR. PUNZO: In the document.

THE CHAIR: All right.

MR. PUNZO: The other question I had was, does it make more sense to try to assess wetlands when the leaves aren't on the trees and when ---

THE CHAIR: I'll let Mr. Pietras answer that for you.

MR. PIETRAS: Wetlands in Connecticut are identified based on soil types. And, soil types to a large extent are identified based on coloration patterns. And, those patterns are evident throughout the year.

MR. PUNZO: Just that you might miss things when the leaves are on the trees.

THE CHAIR: Vernal pools, are seasonal. The time of the wetland.

MR. GIUDICE: If it was missed, it was missed by Mehan & Goodin and the soil scientist. It was missed by the DEEP. By us and everybody else involved in the project.

THE CHAIR: But that will be looked at.

MR. LAVALLEE: Can you point it out in the field?

THE CHAIR: Yes? What is your name?

MS. BEAN: My name is Carolyn Bean. I was just wondering, you said it was determined by soil type? Are there any um, factors that affect soil, changes in soil and soil type?

MR. PIETRAS: Well, there are soil forming factors and that is based on a number of things. Climate, age of the soil, the type of parent material.

THE CHAIR: Change in (inaudible).

MR. PIETRAS: Yah. Most of the soils that - the natural soils you have in this area have been formed in a glacial till or some type of sandy glacial outcrop. And, the soil forming in these soils has been going on for over 10,000 years.

(Undertone comments)

UNIDENTIFIABLE: The original building there, when we had it, on this side of the parking lot, they obviously pushed a lot of soil out into where the woodland is right now. And, that was probably either new soil that was brought in from the outside or soil that was dug up. What impact does that have on the assessment?

MR. PIETRAS: When you are working with a disturbed soil area, you look for the depth of the disturbance. If it is more than half a meter or twenty inches of disturbed soil materials, you have a more recent soil type and you're examining that new soil type for features to indicate whether or not it qualifies as a wetland.

THE CHAIR: Does that answer your question?

UNIDENTIFIABLE: I guess I just want to see the impact. There is a - you'll see a ridge of dirt on the edge of the old parking lot.

STEWART ESTRA: You mentioned that you are going to have, this is just a change of the map and make it equal.

THE CHAIR: Make it current.

MR. ESTRA: Right, make it current. Which makes sense. When, can you just lead us through, what is the procedure for the applicant to come back to you with his actual plans and you said that this is just a conceptual plan so does this mean if he's applying for nine lots he can come back later and actually go twelve or six? I mean, is he locked into his nine?

And, when is your next meeting to address this hearing so we can then give our input on the overall affect of pollution and our desire

to not see any inland wetlands disturbed at all in this development process?

MR. GIUDICE: I can answer a portion of that question. The plans, the two applications that were submitted were the map amendment and then the actual subdivision plans. The subdivision plans propose nine building lots. The improvements on the subdivision plans include the road, construction of the road, storm drainage in the road, sanitary sewers and water in the road. There's a detention basin with an outfall and a sanitary sewer main that goes out through the back across 84.

So, the lot developments themselves, are not part of our application today. Those would come back separately on an individual basis. If someone wanted to build a house --- I'm sorry --- build a building, we would come back with a new --- with another plan. We are not going to change the number of lots uh, it would just be a matter of coming back with that one individual lot saying this is how we want to develop this lot.

MR. ESTRA: All right, so if I understand this correctly, you are just going to make sure that the wetlands are where the wetlands are today.

But when are they coming before you to say we want these nine lots and you have to approve this plan so we can build the road and build all that stuff you're saying. When do they come before you?

MR. GIUDICE: The applications are running concurrently. So they are both submitted at the same time and will be heard at the same meetings.

THE CHAIR: For the roadway.

MR. ESTRA: Obviously if ---

MR. GIUDICE: The first Thursday of every month.

THE CHAIR: Yes, it's the first Thursday. Conservation Commission.

MR. GIUDICE: The sixth.

MR. ESTRA: Will it be on the Agenda for Thursday?

THE CHAIR: Yes, it will.

MR. ESTRA: The first Thursday which is June what?

MR. GIUDICE: Sixth.

THE CHAIR: Sixth.

MR. ESTRA: And, then at that point we could --- I mean, what is your procedures for a public hearing or for people in the community to talk about issues that we can't talk about tonight because it's not up.

THE CHAIR: No, it isn't. That would be the um -

MR. ESTRA: The meeting to talk about it?

THE CHAIR: It would be that, um, the sixth, as I understand it, right Dave?

MR. PUNZO: I would like to make sure that what I hand in to you gets the Minutes. To make sure it's part of that.

THE CHAIR: The map amendment --- this public hearing, as I understand it would be, still be continued. And then, we could still continue the public hearing for the map amendment.

MR. GIUDICE: If you want to have a public hearing, you'll have to get your signatures and make that application sooner than later. Because there is a time frame involved with the application.

MR. ESTRA: Well, we have signatures. What do you want on the -

MR. GIUDICE: I don't know what exactly has to be submitted. Dave do you know the process?

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, just like you did for the planning and zoning one. Same thing. Krista did that?

THE CHAIR: Oh, okay. So you guys are familiar with that.

MR. PUNZO: If that is the case, at the next meeting, the commission would -

THE CHAIR: That would be for the inland wetland application.

MR. ESTRA: That way we can discuss these issues we are not really supposed to discuss.

THE CHAIR: It needs to be, um, advertised.

MR. LAVALLEE: Between ten and fifteen days -

THE CHAIR: Before.

MR. LAVALLEE: Two days before. No less than two.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: It would be on the website, correct?

THE CHAIR: No. It's posted in the local papers. I believe -

MR. LAVALLEE: It's in the Record Journal.

THE CHAIR: --- it's in the Record Journal.

(Everyone commenting at once.)

MR. LAVALLEE: Check the town website then. Yah, check the website.

THE CHAIR: Yah, it's on the website, I mean ---

MR. ESTRA: Good luck with that.

MR. LAVALLEE: Let's look at the pool.

THE CHAIR: Yah, let's go look at the pool.

MR. BOROWY: Dave, do you want to take this?

MR. GIUDICE: This is your copy.

MR. LAVALLEE: Yup.

THE CHAIR: Any idea where this pool is. Do we have the map of where this pool is?

MR. GIUDICE: It's on the handout.

THE CHAIR: Who has the handout?

MR. GIUDICE: I thought you had the handout.

MR. LAVALLEE: He'll lead us to it.

THE CHAIR: This is it. Okay. Is this the handout? This is a different handout, I believe. Is this the handout?

MR. LAVALLEE: One of them.

MR. GIUDICE: You said lot 1, right?

MR. LAVALLEE: Just lead us to it. Save the confusion.

THE CHAIR: What's the date of that aerial map? Can you find that aerial map?

Do you want to go through here?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yah, let's go through here.

(Walking the site)

(Comments while walking)

MR. LAVALLEE: We have about 58 minutes left.

THE CHAIR: Oh, okay. About 58 minutes left on the recorder.

So, let's make this fast. Not that we're trying to avoid anything, believe me. Fifty-eight minutes left, okay. You didn't bring an extra?

MR. LAVALLEE: I could probably get to another folder. It would have to be a separate folder.

(Undertone comments while walking)

THE CHAIR: Where is the property owner?

MR. LAVALLEE: Rusty.

THE CHAIR: What's his name, Rusty?

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, the tallest guy here.

(Chuckles)

THE CHAIR: Rusty, come down front.

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: Right there looks clear.

MS. ETTER: Yah.

MR. LAVALLEE: Scrubs and poison ivy.

(Walking the site.)

MR. LAVALLEE: There is the wetlands flags there.

(Undertone comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: Um, I think there is a small amount of fill on the finger.

THE CHAIR: The tree line over there?

Steve? Where is the property line?

Steve? Where is the property limits on this side? Do you know?

(Pause)

All right. Just wanted to know.

Look at the baby tulip.

MR. CROWN: I love tulips. I love them.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: Should've been near the end of that building. Opposite.

(Undertone comments)

Spider webs everywhere.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yah.

MR. LAVALLEE: All right. Where are the closest wetlands flags?

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't know.

MR. LAVALLEE: Do you know where the closest wetland flags are?

MR. GIUDICE: Those are the flags --- (inaudible) - in the areas that we were --- to give you an idea where we are.

(Pause)

(Undertone comments)

MR. GIUDICE: We're over here. That building was just over here. Look behind it. There is a parking lot and a building. We're basically in this area. We're probably inside this.

THE CHAIR: That's wetlands right here. This should have all been flagged because it is wetlands. Let' see. I mean.

Tom? Where is the --- do you know where the wetland limits are in here?

MR. GIUDICE: Again, the wetland flags were done by the survey. What we did is in the areas where we had disturbance we reflagged the wetlands.

THE CHAIR: So this is our orientation.

MR. GIUDICE: So, Metals Drive behind us. The white building is right here --- the parking lot.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

MR. GIUDICE: So we're lined up with this entrance, so we are in this area.

MR. PUNZO: This basin is right where we're standing.

MR. GIUDICE: No, it's not.

THE CHAIR: This is that building right there.

MR. GIUDICE: You are standing on lot 1 in this area.

THE CHAIR: So right around here then.

MR. GIUDICE: This is the Gibbs, not Gibbs, but the building behind theirs. And, basically this is the area.

We're up here. The first drive --- second drive.

Somewhere in this vicinity on lot 1.

MR. PUNZO: These are the coordinates.

THE CHAIR: These are the coordinates that came up?

Here? Does that match the coordinates there?

MR. GIUDICE: Here. Those coordinates were provided by you and not by the DEEP.

THE CHAIR: Right.

MR. PUNZO: That's correct. These are the current coordinates which are the same.

THE CHAIR: All right. Well, we, you know, at this point, it's really, you know, I wouldn't be able to tell if it is a vernal pool or if it exists as a vernal pool. You know?

What it looks like and if it actually obligate wetland species during the breeding season is another story. You know? At this point, if it is within --- Tom? Where's Tom?

MR. GIUDICE: He's behind you.

THE CHAIR: Tom is flagging the wetlands. Reflagging, sorry.

Now, this is Tom putting flags out based on soils.

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: See the one way over here? The one way over there. Look at that.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Are we going to get a map revision based on what he has flagged?

THE CHAIR: No. That's the existing flag.

MR. LAVALLEE: There is an old one on that --- no, no. Right next to that.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: If I could just make a comment. It's a little disturbing that we are here for one reason and then you're carrying around a map for the other reason. That just seems like you're trying to do two things at once, but you don't want to admit that you're doing two things at once.

MR. GIUDICE: If I didn't have this map, I wouldn't be able to identify where we are.

THE CHAIR: Exactly.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: We just saw by the side of the building.

MR. PUNZO: I think we will have enough signatures to get the second hearing.

THE CHAIR: That's fine. You guys are entitled to do that, you know?

Um, it appears to me and Tom, are you finding the flags over there?

Right over there. Okay, so this area was included.

MR. PIETRAS: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Whether or not at the time, you know, it exists as a vernal pool. We still have an upland review area that is associated in this location. Obviously, you know, there is, if it ever became a point that it is a vernal pool, the 200 foot is within the wetland so there's no, there would be no additional buffer on it. Do you know what I'm saying?

Does that make any sense? These are all wetlands back here.

MR. PUNZO: Well, it does. The wetlands upland review, if I remember correctly, a vernal pool is 200 feet.

THE CHAIR: Right, right. Figure out where the wetlands are.

MR. GIUDICE: We can survey this and plot it on the drawing.

THE CHAIR: Right, put it on there.

MR. GIUDICE: Put it on the map, the map that Dave has.

THE CHAIR: Yes. Just understand the 200 foot --- if it is a vernal pool and I can't make that determination, then the 200 feet around it is covered by this existing wetland that it is already mapped within. This is all wetlands back here. So, do you know what I'm saying?

MR. PUNZO: Well, if it is the edge of the marker of the wetland flag, then the vernal wetlands would go 50 feet beyond that, correct? The vernal pool would go 200 feet beyond that, correct?

MR. LAVALLEE: Well, to the property line.

THE CHAIR: If it is identified as a vernal pool. Around. Go ahead?

MR. GIUDICE: That is an upland review area. That's not a vernal pool. That's an area that this commission has the right to decide what would be acceptable in that area or not. That doesn't have anything to do with the map amendment.

The vernal pool, that is related to the map amendment. But right now the upland review area would not be.

THE CHAIR: We are going to include this area in the map amendment at this time.

MR. GIUDICE: We'll identify if it is a vernal pool, or not. And, we'll show it on the plans.

MR. PUNZO: What is the criteria for identifying it as a vernal pool?

MR. LAVALLEE: Has to have obligate wetlands. Species (inaudible) salamanders. Snails.

THE CHAIR: Salamanders and wood frogs.

MR. LAVALLEE: Egg masses.

THE CHAIR: Egg masses.

MR. BOROWY: All right, shall we look at the other potentially significant changes from map to map?

MR. GIUDICE: I think we should go back out ---

THE CHAIR: And, then go back in.

MR. GIUDICE: We had those three areas and then the watercourse ditch.

THE CHAIR: Listen. Do you want to follow? The other side, way down.

All right, any ticks, yet?

MR. LAVALLEE: Sure.

THE CHAIR: I have that kind of spray that you spray your pants. I told somebody about it. You don't spray it on your body.

(Walking the site)

(Comments while walking)

That's a good idea. Look around. Our deer. Our deer friends.

(Walking the site)

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Dave, what is that?

MR. LAVALLEE: People steel rocks.

THE CHAIR: Wow! Oh, my goodness. Look at all the rocks.

MR. LAVALLEE: They couldn't get this one.

I'll bet we could find them and put them back in the hole to see if they match.

THE CHAIR: The wetlands disturbing. You are excavating in the wetlands.

MR. LAVALLEE: Remove, alter, fill.

THE CHAIR: Remove, alter, fill, yah.

MR. GIUDICE: How did you find that vernal pool?

(Comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: Catch the people pulling the rocks.

(Walking the site)

THE CHAIR: (Inaudible) the wetland, you know?

You guys are putting in a petition for a public hearing, right? We'll have your public hearing and you put forth your views.

MR. PUNZO: Has anyone looked at the file?

THE CHAIR: What file?

MR. PUNZO: The file that made this a Superfund site.

MR. GIUDICE: It's not a Superfund site.

MR. PUNZO: Pretty close.

THE CHAIR: We can't talk about that. We're in the public hearing.

All right, let's walk down in these other areas that we are going to take a look at.

(Walking the site)

UNIDENTIFIABLE: What was your name, again?

THE CHAIR: Theresa.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: (Inaudible) at the meeting and we just want to know who at the public hearing. It's being recorded. We have the surveyor here, you know.

I'm sure our maps, the survey that was drawn, so everything. It shows all the exiting site survey that was done. Shows whatever utilities that are existing.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: What utilities are existing?

THE CHAIR: I mean, sewer, what have you. Whatever existing infrastructure on the road.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: I think just to the middle, to the right and then come back.

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: Okay, gotcha! So the company surveyed and put the flags in the original delineation so that when Mr. Pietras came out he verified the wetlands. In most locations.

(Undertone comments)

Yah, we could do that.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Walk the 100 feet to the wetlands on the other side.

THE CHAIR: Okay, where is he?

MR. LAVALLEE: Where is Chris? Chris has the wetlands map. Chris, can you unroll that, please?

Point out that culvert.

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: Okay, so we walked down. Is that the culvert right there?

MR. LAVALLEE: We pointed out the pink flags. Right here.

(Everyone speaking at the same time)

THE CHAIR: And, you guys noticed the wetlands on both sides. You saw that, right?

MR. CROWN: Okay, the new ones are here. The old ones are here.

THE CHAIR: This is the blue. The blue is the new. And, the black is the old. There's not much of a difference but you can see here there's some wetlands that were added. So this is the limits of wetlands for the amendment which is blue.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So, I abut the back of the property and I probably have the most amount of water than any other property owner. And, I know, because I've hiked it ever since I bought the house, I hiked along this ridgeline and the dirt I know that the other gentleman was talking about, it is a clear indication that it went like this at one time.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: It still does.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: I think that's (inaudible).

MR. GIUDICE: The topography line shows what is going on there but we are just trying to identify where the wetland soils are. We didn't --- this wasn't classified as a wetlands soil. That doesn't mean that water doesn't go through it, travel there. It just means

that it is not a wetland soil. So, the topography shows the water would go this way and out this way.

So if there is a block here the water would get trapped.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: You realize the soil (inaudible) in this whole area.

MR. GIUDICE: Yes, it's been disturbed.

MR. PUNZO: And, can we talk about, I think there's cat tails.

THE CHAIR: We are going to look at that area. These three areas here.

MR. GIUDICE: These are wetland areas that we are proposing to add to the town mapping. There are areas over here that the commission had questions about. But we are going to walk that and then we will look at this area as well.

The field, right.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: I think I need you to look at this area because this is a direct affect on my property. What happens there.

MR. BOROWY: The water flow does not necessarily equate to regulated wetlands property. You just have to understand the distinction. A pooling of water isn't wetlands.

(Everyone commenting)

UNIDENTIFIABLE: It would be wet there for a month or two at a time. Here's my theory ---

THE CHAIR: In a different state possibly, but not in Connecticut.

(Everyone commenting)

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Here is my theory, when they build this, they filled in wetlands. Okay? And, since that property side over there is elevated, they deliberately drained in or designed in a way around for the water. That way around has now been disturbed and it doesn't go around anymore.

THE CHAIR: We're going to walk that way. Dave, are we going to walk that way? We better hurry up a little bit because I think we are going to get a storm.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: (Inaudible) that's the way a lot of developments are done. They would disturb wetlands; fill it in, before the regulations.

MR. BOROWY: We also have only about a half an hour left of recording time to keep this official.

MR. LAVALLEE: We can put another file on it. Yah, let's go to the field. Yup.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. PIETRAS: But this was the old factory.

MR. BOROWY: Yes.

MR. PIETRAS: Excuse me, Theresa? I just wanted to point out for the commission for their understanding that we are right now at about where the old factory was. And, (inaudible) to the hill. The round hill. And, the wetlands that are on this site are sitting on top of a hill and a lot of times people refer to these as surface water wetlands. It's (inaudible) water and during the wet time of the year you can have a subsoil material that slowly drains and water has a hard time moving through it. You'll have this perched water. And, that is what the forest wetlands we looked at and some of these other wetlands are.

We're on top of the hill. (Inaudible) and once you lose that spring wetness; the water table must (inaudible).

We're in the old factory area.

(Inaudible comments)

THE CHAIR: How much time, Dave?

MR. LAVALLEE: Half hour.

(Walking the site)

(Pause)

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: Oh! Another snake. All over the place.

THE CHAIR: Okay, so these are three additional areas that were
- oh, these were part of the original, Tom?

MR. LAVALLEE: A water snake.

MR. PIETRAS: (Inaudible) I believe.

THE CHAIR: Right.

MR. PIETRAS: The original and was taken down --- (inaudible)
soils have the capacity --- (inaudible). I don't know the whole
history, but I've got to believe that a few feet of the original
material was --- I think Rusty made a point. Where the original
elevation may have been.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: (Inaudible comments) -- on the other side.

MR. PIETRAS: They took material down. It looks like this area
was driven over when it was wet and it was compacted so you have this
hard layer. It's almost like a bath tub. Where during certain times
of the year the water collects in this low spot and that's why you get
the cat tails growing and you get some standing water here. But it
doesn't persist. It is one of these springtime --- you know,
springtime wetness.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: (Inaudible question)

MR. PIETRAS: Um, you probably --- after a heavy storm or
something. It's all perched water. There is really no ground water
except the very early spring after we had the snow melt and the early
spring rains. The ground waters would have been high. Once that
ground water table drops, it's just perched.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So you are saying the soil is indicative ---

MR. PIETRAS: Well, this is a disturbed soil. And, in a
disturbed soil area you evaluate the upper material to indicate
whether or not it has a wetland condition. In this case here we see
cat tails growing; you know it stays wet for a period. And, the cat
tails tell you right away that it should qualify as a wetland.

The soils forming features indicating wetland are just starting
to form. It's such a young soil. It's really not distinct in the
soil, yet.

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: That area, this area and that other area. They're
isolated but they are -

MR. LAVALLEE: Do you want to go in that corner? Oh, sorry. We
just want to hit that corner.

MR. PIETRAS: As soon as you get out of there.

THE CHAIR: Yup. There's your (inaudible). There is your upland.

MR. PIETRAS: Clover, vetch straw, goldenrod. It changes very quickly.

THE CHAIR: All right, so we want to go to --- over here, right Dave?

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, the corner.

THE CHAIR: Corner piece to the ditch.

MR. LAVALLEE: Another hole here.

(Walking the site)

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: This right here.

THE CHAIR: All right.

MR. PIETRAS: Here you want to look at this area here. There is an area that there is a stonewall with fill.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: On which side?

UNIDENTIFIABLE: On that side of the wall. To our right.

MR. PIETRAS: No, well, there is an old fill line in here. It kind of looks like a shallow berm. And, surface water can't run out, so you have (inaudible). There is no really channel now for that blocked drainage.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: But I think under the original plan when they build this property that was an active drainage.

MR. PIETRAS: I don't know what they --- I wasn't here.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Well, I've been here for like 35 years.

MR. PIETRAS: They may have had a shallow ditch in here and it's not here now.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So, I don't understand why they are doing all this soils testing. I don't understand why we can't do something here

to determine what the fill type is to see if it is original or if it is disturbed soil.

As I recall, back (inaudible) there was chunks of concrete block and things that came from that site because there was nothing over here.

(Inaudible comments)

MR. PIETRAS: Based on the site, it has been disturbed for a while.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

(Walking the site)

THE CHAIR: Yah, you are? Good. Wow, it's pretty significant. Deep.

MR. PIETRAS: The soil disturbed there just makes sense because it was an old factory. Pretty much they did what they wanted. See the berm here.

THE CHAIR: Yup, definitely.

MR. PIETRAS: Then they put (inaudible).

I don't know why they graded it.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Wouldn't the drainage culvert have the sedimentation similar to what you are looking at over the years?

Right down there you've got (inaudible) going under your street.

(Everyone commenting at the same time.)

(Walking the site)

MR. PIETRAS: Soils are definitely by the (inaudible) of the soil. That's how they determine if ---

UNIDENTIFIABLE: I am not necessarily saying this to anybody, but this right here is the wetlands. I know it affects the wetlands over there.

And, when we get some of these super storms we've had, it's in my, it up to my basement.

MR. GIUDICE: If this issue, if this is causing a drainage problem it may be something that maybe could be helped. I don't know. You

are very close to a wetland. So it would be --- I don't know how this affects ---

(Inaudible comments)

It's very difficult to say tonight.

THE CHAIR: Is that further down?

MR. BOROWY: How far away are we to the property line?

(Everyone commenting at the same time)

MR. LAVALLEE: I think it's just a trench.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: You have water in the basement all the way down the other end of the street in the corner, right?

THE CHAIR: We want to see the drainage ditch area.

MR. LAVALLEE: Yup.

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

THE CHAIR: It makes a lot of sense, right? This was the parking lot.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: Not that I've seen. I think they would have pointed it out.

(Undertone comments)

Oh, come on. Look at how small they are? How're you ever going to see that thing?

THE CHAIR: What're you looking at? A nymph?

MR. LAVALLEE: No, this guy.

THE CHAIR: That's a nymph.

MR. LAVALLEE: It's tiny.

THE CHAIR: Yah, that's a nymph. They're in the ground. A baby tick.

(Undertone comments)

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Deer ticks never get bigger, right?

THE CHAIR: Yah, they do.

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah.

(Walking the site)

(Walking the site)

MR. BOROWY: Can we go in from the other side?

MR. LAVALLEE: I think it was easier on the other side, wasn't it?

THE CHAIR: Yah. It was easier from the other side.

MR. LAVALLEE: Go around there.

THE CHAIR: We can go through in that way.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: This is an active drainage system? Or what is this?

THE CHAIR: Not that we know of.

MR. LAVALLEE: I think it was from the parking lot.

THE CHAIR: Yah.

MR. LAVALLEE: And then when they took the catch basins out, it just got cut off. So the flow doesn't get there anymore.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

Much better. It's a good spot for it.

(Inaudible comments)

Second time around I think we did.

I think it was added. It was added as a watercourse. I'll get my map.

MR. BOROWY: Shouldn't it be either blue or black?

THE CHAIR: It should be blue, right? Where is the ---

MR. LAVALLEE: Remember our first site walk? It should be on the plan.

Yah, Tom's Memo.

(Undertone comments)

MR. PUNZO: This is marked as Town of Southington Open Space ELUR.

MR. GIUDICE: The open space is on the other side of it. Yah, Panthorn, it's kind of like we're here and then the open space is out here. So we are standing right at this point right at the beginning of this ditch right here there is a little headwall.

THE CHAIR: Is this called out as a watercourse?

Tom?

MR. PIETRAS: I've only seen it a few times. What was the --- on the Mehan map what was it?

MR. PUNZO: It is not called out as a watercourse on the Mehan map.

MR. PIETRAS: It's a manmade drainage ditch that was put in to carry flows from the parking lot factory area. Certain times we may have some moving through it but for the most part it doesn't function as it was designed to do.

THE CHAIR: A functioning watercourse.

MR. PIETRAS: Not really, no.

MR. GIUDICE: Our, our, the part of our --- I guess, (inaudible) so I guess we'll work with it one way or the other.

THE CHAIR: Wasn't there wetlands to the rear of it in the fringe?

MR. PIETRAS: There are no wetlands here, no.

THE CHAIR: The soils are not there.

MR. PIETRAS: No, there is no soils here.

MR. LAVALLEE: Skunk cabbage.

THE CHAIR: Our definition for a watercourse is a little bit different, so or a regulation.

MR. PIETRAS: Basically, with the watercourse, it's really two main things for an intermittent watercourse. You want to have a time channel, you have a channel. And, you want to flowing water (inaudible) with that.

THE CHAIR: Exactly.

MR. PIETRAS: And, that is typical.

THE CHAIR: And, you are not seeing this.

MR. PIETRAS: I've only seen it a few times with (inaudible) water.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Isn't it because they've eliminated the storm drains.

Isn't that a pipe outlet right there?

UNIDENTIFIABLE: That came from the old parking lot. That drained the parking lot.

So, right behind it over there is where they dumped the shit.

I don't know, I don't know wetlands but ---

THE CHAIR: Well, it could be, if it is an intermittent we regulate that but I, I kind of agree I don't see how it would be an intermittent. You mean you have some hydrophytes in here, but --- any kind of moist soil you are going to get that.

So really what's happening is you have overland --- some flow. And, I know if the soils are defining layer down here, or no?

Probably not, right?

MR. PIETRAS: You do get sandier soils.

THE CHAIR: Right, so everything is permeating in.

MR. PIETRAS: It goes up and down.

THE CHAIR: Right. So there could be a, um, a water table.

MR. PIETRAS: Yes, right there on the (inaudible) springs.

MR. PUNZO: Is this a dry spring, right? There is water here all the time.

MR. GIUDICE: I don't know if I would call it a dry spring. The former outlet -

THE CHAIR: Let's walk it.

MR. LAVALLEE: Seasonal by the season.

What're we doing?

THE CHAIR: We're walking.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: We can approach it from about --- thanks.

(Inaudible comments)

Take my wig off!

(Chuckles)

Oh, boy.

Good. We'll get the town manager to - whoops.

Just walking through the poison ivy. How far are you going?

(Walking the site)

(Inaudible comments)

THE CHAIR: Right, Steve?

MR. GIUDICE: Whatever you like. What're we doing?

MR. LAVALLEE: The lower reaches.

All right.

MR. GIUDICE: So, um ---

(Inaudible comments)

This is identified on the town wetland mapping. It shows it as a ditch going out. Yes, you're right. It's not -

MR. LAVALLEE: It's just not ---

MR. GIUDICE: It shows a little line going through it.

THE CHAIR: (Inaudible comments)

MR. GIUDICE: It doesn't show it as a wetland.

MR. LAVALLEE: That three dots means it flows pretty much.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Oh, really?

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah.

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: When were they done, in the 60's?

MR. LAVALLEE: Seventy-nine would pick it up.

THE CHAIR: Seventy-nine was the current?

MR. LAVALLEE: Well, the F & O survey they did.

THE CHAIR: Well, let's just add that to the amended -

MR. LAVALLEE: Okay.

MR. GIUDICE: Well, what do you want me to add to it? How do you want to add it?

THE CHAIR: It's part of our --- part of the amendment. You add it as a -

MR. LAVALLEE: Blue line. You're going to add a blue line to it.

THE CHAIR: Yah.

MR. LAVALLEE: But you realize it's manmade.

THE CHAIR: Yup.

MR. LAVALLEE: For planning purposes.

MR. GIUDICE: All right.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: All right, I think we are going to work out way out.

THE CHAIR: Yes.

MR. LAVALLEE: What's this doing here?

THE CHAIR: I don't know. (Inaudible)

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, I'd take it. Absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Like the last of the Mohicans here.

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, really. I hear you.

(Chuckles)

Oh, man.

(Walking the site)

(Walking the site)

This is what we ruled out, right?

MR. GIUDICE: This is the one here they asked us to investigate.

THE CHAIR: Right, right.

MR. LAVALLEE: (Inaudible comments)

THE CHAIR: It was on the other side. There's more over here.
That's not it. It is one of the (inaudible)?

MR. PIETRAS: Jen, do you know which one that is?

MS. BENO: (Inaudible) but it is not a wetland plant. I narrowed
it down to ---

MR. LAVALLEE: The striations. It's a bigger plant.

THE CHAIR: Yellow what?

MS. BENO: (Inaudible)

MR. LAVALLEE: We didn't see a flower. We missed it. Right.

(Everyone talking at the same time)

THE CHAIR: We have twelve minutes there, Tom. How quick can you
dig? Look at that, it's perfect. Beautiful upland soil.

MR. PIETRAS: It's a little bit dull but it's not mottled. Let
me just show you what is under here.

THE CHAIR: Wow! Is this sand?

MR. PIETRAS: No. It gets a little bit dense here.

THE CHAIR: Look at that. Like a clay base.

MR. PIETRAS: Like good packed material.

(Undertone comments)

MR. GIUDICE: Not wetlands.

MR. LAVALLEE: Initially we thought maybe so we had him come out and look at it.

MR. PIETRAS: (Inaudible) smaller. The sites are better (inaudible) with a big crowd. It's a good give and take.

THE CHAIR: Right. I think we're satisfied with the areas that we looked at today and the additional areas that we flagged and then we had the intermittent stream to add. So, we're good.

MR. LAVALLEE: We just confirmed the line that was there previously.

(Inaudible comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: So, we will just need a motion to table.

THE CHAIR: Yup.

MR. LAVALLEE: You can table and continue to the next meeting which will be June 6th.

All right. Let's scoot.

THE CHAIR: What's it called, the Admin Building?

MR. LAVALLEE: The municipal center.

THE CHAIR: Right, municipal center.

(Walking the site)

MR. LAVALLEE: It's amazing how many people walk through it now and say I went to school here and it's so many years old.

Yah.

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: Are you going to submit it today?

MR. LAVALLEE: Once we come out of this session, we go into the regular meeting.

(Inaudible comments)

(Walking the site)

MR. BOROWY: Any time left Mr. Acting Town Planner?

MR. LAVALLEE: Eight minutes.

(Walking the site)

It's a big snake. There was a huge water snake --- I was with the boys in Portland driving by a Beaver Pond and there was this big water snake crossing the road.

THE CHAIR: A black snake?

MR. LAVALLEE: I think it was a black racer.

THE CHAIR: A black racer, whoa.

MR. LAVALLEE: He was four feet, five feet. Big.

THE CHAIR: The kids saw it?

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, it was crossing. You teach them. You know, you say, take a look at it.

MR. BOROWY: Well, you guys must have spent some time over in the field at Route (inaudible) between the little falls and the big falls.

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah. Yah. In the winter that place is amazing!

THE CHAIR: Really?

MR. LAVALLEE: It's all ice and the waterfall is behind it. Yah. When I first ---

(Undertone comments)

(Inaudible comments)

MR. BOROWY: With kids, it's not a killer hike.

MR. LAVALLEE: Yah, the little falls are great.

(Inaudible comments)

(Undertone comments)

No.

(Walking the site)

Pretty close here it looks like.

Well, we'll see if they have to come out again. If they have the public hearing, or they can just speak to it.

THE CHAIR: Right.

(Undertone comments)

MR. BOROWY: The drainage ditch?

THE CHAIR: That we know. The feature on the plan appears to be right in the middle of the wetland.

MR. BOROWY: Yah, nothing.

(Undertone comments)

(Walking the site)

(Walking the site)

(Undertone comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: Okay. Oh, boy. Pretty far up. Well, if they have any roosters around here they'll pick them off.

(Undertone comments)

THE CHAIR: You had a couple on you and picked them off. You had the net, right?

(Inaudible comments)

MR. LAVALLEE: Just walk fast.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So do all of you have science backgrounds?

THE CHAIR: I am a professional wetlands scientist.

MR. BOROWY: Environmental, I'm sorry, E H& S the last twenty years.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: I was just wondering. I know you were going to update the aerial maps with the field map.

THE CHAIR: It's the map amendment. Inland wetlands.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: That was done by aerial?

THE CHAIR: No. Well, the original one was.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: So which is the one that is ---

THE CHAIR: The same one which has been field verified. Some additions have been made.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Oh okay.

MR. BOROWY: Should we temporarily close the public hearing?

UNIDENTIFIABLE: I have a question.

MR. BOROWY: Or table MA 144?

THE CHAIR: Or a motion to continue?

MS. ETTER: Motion to table or continue the public hearing.

MR. BOROWY: Second.

MR. LAVALLEE: Mary seconded.

THE CHAIR: Is there a roll call.

MR. LAVALLEE: Mary seconded. Chris made the original motion.

Commissioner Crown:	Yes
Commissioner Etter:	Yes
Commissioner Borowy:	Yes
Commissioner Sullivan:	Yes
Chair Albanese:	Yes

So, we will continue to the 5th, okay?

MR. GIUDICE: What is the issue about -

THE CHAIR: I have no issue. What we are doing is we are presenting at the public hearing that (inaudible) continued on June 6th. We are actually taking comments from you guys again, if there are comments regarding the map amendment. So most of you have -

(Whereupon the tape recording was shut off.)

