

UNAPPROVED

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - Special Public Meeting, April 18, 2012

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Special Public Meeting on Tuesday April 18, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present: Lou Sanzaro, Chairman
Dave Ambrose
Shanelle Dattilo
Lawrence Buck
Joe Hart
Mark Console
David Herold

Also Present: Don Moisa, IWWC Agent

Two (2) persons in the audience

Chairman Sanzaro opened the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. John Porriello of 322 Silas Deane Highway spoke to express his concern of the plans of previously approved Application #613-11 at 326 Silas Deane Highway.

The Commission had approved plans for a parking lot at 326 Silas Deane Highway

Mr. Porriello indicated that he had met with Engineering and Planning Dept. staff last fall to discuss his concerns on an upcoming application for 326 Silas Deane Highway.

Mr. Porriello had recently been to the Town Hall to review the approved plans and stated the plans did not in his opinion, adequately address his drainage concerns.

Mr. Porriello would like to put the Commission on notice to re review the plan.

When it rains, significant water is pumped out of the basement of 326 Silas Deane and there is nowhere for it to go other than onto his parking lot.

Mr. Porriello would not be holding the owner responsible but would be holding the Town and this Commission responsible.

When Mr. Porriello built his parking lot the Commission was very clear that there not be any change in grade.

Mr. Porriello stated that the only way for the approved plan to remotely work is if a least 1' of grade is brought down.

It is obvious the plan cannot work the way it is drawn.

PUBLIC MEETING

Application No. 622-12 Alan Morris, Executor for the Estate of Frank Morris, 188 Broad St. Parcel No. 263-006,263-009, 263-023,264-011, 265-013, Application for wood chip/mulch deposited within a regulated area.

Mr. John Console represented the applicant.

Mr. Console explained that the applicant was attempting to clean up the site and get the farm active again, as it was in the past.

Mr. Morris would like to place the woodchip/mulch in the area indicated as a soil amendment.

Mr. Console had spoken in great detail with DEEP and directed the Commission to email correspondence and contact phone numbers included within the submitted application.

The wood chip/mulch brought into the area would be amended into the soil to grow squash or pumpkins and would cover approximately 3 acres, however Mr.Morris would like to farm approximately 10 acres.

Mr. Console indicated that although there was no filling of the wetlands DEEP recommended that the applicant go before the local Inland Wetlands Commission.

Don Moisa explained that Town staff was concerned that the wood chip/mulch was considered fill being placed within the 100 yr. Flood Zone and within the Connecticut River Stream Channel encroachment line.

Town staff also contacted DEEP and DEEP had indicated that adding the wood chip/mulch could be considered part of the farming process and allowed as of right provided it was less than 3” rise in elevation.

Commissioners questioned if the piles of material would be graded immediately.

Mr. Console explained that the material would be plowed into the soil on a daily basis.

Motion by Commissioner Buck to approve as a Declaratory Ruling, stating that no permit was required since this was considered part of the farming operation and allowed as of right, seconded by Commissioner Herold.

All voted in favor.

Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes- March 21, 2012 Meeting
(LS,BO,SD,LB,DH,MC,J H)

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Console to approve the minutes as presented.

All Commissioners present at the meeting voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. Correspondence (No Action Required)
 - a. “Pollution Prevention View” DEEP newsletter
 - b. Notification by Connecticut DOT of a pending Inland Wetlands application to Connecticut DEEP for Putnam Bridge Rehabilitation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sanzaro adjourned the meeting 5:15 pm

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Date