

Don Moisa read the legal notice into the record.

Don Moisa also read in the following correspondence received:

Memo dated January 4, 2010 from Michael J Turner, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer
Memo dated January 13, 2010 from Kathleen A Bagley, Parks and Recreation Director
Proposed Concept Site Plan with Traffic Pattern dated 1/11/10 prepared by Ocean and Coastal Consultants, Inc.

Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation, outlined the project and review process with the various land use commissions.

Kathy explained that they had already been to Planning & Zoning, Town Council, and Historic District. Kathy anticipates that she will have to go back to Planning and Zoning and the Town Council before going on to DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers, and possibly return to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission if any revisions are made.

The project is proposed in 2 phases: Phase I would consist of the floating dock, Phase II would consist of the boat ramp and portable walkway.

The proposal would combine the existing 3 docks into 1 dock and boat ramp adjacent to the warehouse.

The floating docks would be secured with an elastic rope system; docks would be of aluminum construction and be left in year round.

The boat ramp would be constructed of 20' wide concrete planks.

Kathy Bagley introduced Azure Dee Sleicher PE of Ocean and Coastal Consultants, Inc.

Ms. Sleicher continued to out line the project and explained that the Phase I dock system incorporated a movable floating dock which would be positioned by Town staff as water levels change. The Phase II dock system would incorporate a portable walkway which would be moved into place as needed during storm events.

Chairman Margiotta asked if any one from the public would like to speak in favor of the application: None responded.

Chairman Margiotta asked if anyone from the public was opposed to the application.

Mr. Dayson Decourcy of 538 Main St. spoke and expressed his concern with traffic, turnaround and headlight disturbance during night time use of the boat ramp.

Mr. Decourcy was not opposed to the new docks but was concerned with the location in front of his house, when it appears there is room else ware on the site.

Commissioners questioned if ledge would be encountered in the construction of the boat ramp and how it would be handled, if test holes or borings had been done for both ledge and contaminated material, if the side slopes of the excavated ramp would hold, would traffic still be able to pass in front of the ramp,

how the ramp location was determined and analyzed, material and stockpile storage within the 100yr flood zone, and what are the environmental impacts of the ramp and dock construction.

Ms. Sleicher and Kathy responded to the questions:

Kathy Bagley was not sure if ledge would be encountered in the excavation for the boat ramp, there would be no piles being driven.

Ms. Sleicher explained that the main impact would be from the excavation of approximately 660 cu.yd. of material from the boat ramp area and stockpiled on site and later disposed of, unless there was a requirement to immediately truck off site as excavated.

DEP normally would require the excavated material be tested for contaminants or hazardous material. Stock pile would be encircled with silt fence /haybales.

Recognizing that the stockpile area is within the 100 yr. Flood Zone the contractor could be required to file an emergency plan to remove equipment and material from the stockpile area and to be on call in the event of potential flooding.

The concrete planks for the boat ramp would be the only material to be temporarily stored on site.

The ramp could be put in without retaining walls and there would be no long term significant impact.

Construction would not require a coffer damn; disturbance from the excavation would be controlled with a turbidity curtain.

The 3:1 side slopes on the ramp are standard slopes and would be adequate.

Cars would be able to drive across the front of the ramp down to the high tide line.

Mr. Dcoursey again reiterated his concern of parking and traffic flow.

Commissioners explained that the Inland Wetlands Commission was concerned with the environmental aspects of the application and that parking and traffic control questions would best be taken up with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioners expressed concern as to ramifications or relocation of the ramp to the north side of the existing traffic island if ledge were encountered in the excavation.

Commissioners requested more information on soil conditions and ledge in the ramp area and also what other reasonable alternatives were considered for the location of the docks and ramp.

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Owen to continue the public hearing at the February 17, 2010 meeting. All voted in favor.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC MEETING

Application No. 596-09 E/S, Town of Wethersfield, Wethersfield Cove, Parcel No. 252-002

Application to construct new boat ramp and new docking system.

No discussion

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes- Special Meeting December 14, 2009
(AM,DA,LB,JH,VF,BO,MZ)

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 14, 2009 as presented.

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

2. Correspondence (No Action Required)
 - a. "CFL" newsletter
 - b. "The Habitat" newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Buck to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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