

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Public Hearing/Public Meeting
March 16, 2005

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present: Acting Chairman, Lawrence Buck
Joseph Hallisey
Frank Morris
William Randazzo
Louis Sanzaro

Also Present: Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

GENERAL COMMENTS (Three (3) persons in the audience)

No comments.

PUBLIC MEETING

Application No. 515-05E/S, Town of Wethersfield Millwoods Park, Reconstruction of Existing Skate Park, Parcel # 198-01 Application for Reconstruction of an existing skate park facility within Millwoods Park, in accordance with the approved master plan, also seeking Erosion & Sedimentation Certification.

Kathy Bagley, Director of Recreation & Parks and Michael Weremay, Landscape Architect of Beckman, Weremay, LTD of Wickford, RI were present to represent the applicant.

Michael Weremay presented site master plans explaining the reconstruction of the skate park facility. The skate park is east of the swimming pond and south of Goff Brook which will be located in the site of the former tennis complex.

Mr. Weremay explained the Master Plan for the park which indicates minor relocation of the skate park to accommodate a future road. The application calls for construction of an in ground concrete surfaced skate park, consisting of ramps, bowls, flat surfaces and other skate park features. The need to accommodate the future planned road, the need to create a greater buffer between the skate park and the existing roads, environmental considerations and available funding all impact the proposed size of the new skate park.

All excavated fill from the site will remain on the site and be utilized to create landscape berms on the road site of the park.

All existing asphalt and remaining fence parts will be removed and disposed of offsite.

All existing lighting will remain; the plan is to utilize that lighting for special occasions only.

The project is to commence in June 2005 and be completed by September 2005.

Motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Randazzo to **APPROVE** the application as a SUMMARY RULING.

Stating that the skate park was a suitable use and there would be no significant impact on wetlands.

All commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Randazzo to **APPROVE** the Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan with the stipulation that the Erosion Control Detail Sheets and Narrative submitted at the meeting are part of the approval.

All commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

Application No. 516-05 E/S, Bellsite Development LLC, Property of Roger L. Toffolon Trustee, Folly Brook Blvd., Parcel # 121-002 Application for Construction of elderly housing, deposition of material, and removal of materials within a regulated area, also seeking Erosion & Sedimentation Certification.

Robert J. Arsenault, P.E. representing Civil Engineering Services presented plans for 12 unit elderly housing construction to be located on the southwest corner of Spruce Street and Folly Brook Boulevard.

Mr. Arsenault handed to the Commissioners two letters, one received from the Design Review Advisory Committee dated March 7, 2005 requesting permission from the Commission to clean out the scrubby growth and sediment accumulated in the brook channel and provide a restrictive easement for the remaining wetlands area included in the site to avoid future development activity; a second letter dated March 16, 2005 regarding wetland delineation findings on the proposed construction property from Michael F. Gragnolati, Registered Professional Soil Scientist. Both letters received will be attached to the application.

Motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Morris to schedule a Public Hearing on this application. A Public Hearing will be schedule for April 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

All commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes - December 15, 2004 (FC,DA,LB,LS,FM,MS,JS,WR)

Tabled.

2. Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2005 (FC, AM, FM, WR, MS, LS)

Tabled.

3. Correspondence (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

- a. Vernal Pool Workshop flyer
- b. "The Agresource Dispatch" flyer/advertisement

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Morris to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed. Acting Chairman Buck adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Don Moisa,
Wetlands Agent