

UNAPPROVED

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - Public Meeting, November 19, 2014

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday November 19, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present:

Lou Sanzaro, Chairman
Brent Owen, Vice Chairman
James Kulpa
David Herold
Matthew Zagaja
David Ambrose
Lawrence Buck

Also Present: Don Moisa IWWC Agent

7 Persons in Audience

Chairman Sanzaro opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments.

PUBLIC MEETING

Application No. 651-14 Joseph Moruzzi, Land of Nancy Davis, Trustee and Goff Brook Shoppes of Wethersfield, Parcel No. 236-001&237-007, Rear of 1267-1309 Silas Deane Highway.

Application for construction of employee parking spaces for use by the adjacent Goff Brook Shoppes within a regulated area.

Corey Garo of Close Jensen & Miller represented the applicant and Nancy Davis, Trustee.

Mr. Garo explained that the purpose of the application was to for the expansion of the existing parking lot.

The success of the shopping center has created a need for additional parking, and the only place to expand the parking is along the west side onto land of Nancy Davis, Trustee.

They would like to increase the parking by 59 spaces which would result in filling into the wetlands with 1-2' of material and 2:1 grassed slopes.

The total wetland disturbance would be 4,635 S.F. or 65 Cu. Yds. of fill.

A wetlands report prepared by All Points Technology had been submitted.

Commissioners questioned the catch basin sump depths and requested that the catch basin detailed sheet be clarified to show 4' sumps.

Commissioners questioned items 6 & 9 in a November 13, 2014 memo prepared by Town Engineer Michael Turner and also asked to clarify on the plans that the the west side would be curbed.

Commissioners commented that they would be more comfortable seeing the applicants response to the November 13, 2014 memo prepared by Town Engineer Michael Turner before taking any action.

Commissioners did not see a problem tabling the application or alternately scheduling a public hearing.

Commissioners questioned if anyone in the audience was from the neighborhood. There did not appear to be any concerned persons in the audience.

Commissioners noted that the property itself as well as the abutting properties were primarily wooded and the effect on the abutters would be minimal.

Commissioners did not feel the activity by itself would have a significant impact requiring a public hearing.

After discussion

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Owen to Table the application pending finalization of the plans addressing comments from Michael Turner's November 13, 2014 memo.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

Application No. 652-14 Thomas Lotto of Kleinfelder for The MDC, various locations
Application for maintenance work including pipe lining, repair, replacement and manhole cover replacement within regulated areas.

Nicole J. DeRaleau, PE of the MDC explained that the project was part of a sewer rehabilitation program where the goal is to line sewer manholes, replace covers, line sewer lines and do point repairs to prevent as much of the ground water and storm water as possible from entering the sanitary system.

Ms. DeRaleau introduced Thomas Lotto, PE, BCEE of Kleinfelder.

Mr. Lotto went through Sheets 1 thru 8 and sheets 10 and 24 explaining that most of the work would be done in the roads but a few sections were in the wetlands.

George Logan a Soil Scientist with REMA had flagged the Inland Wetlands and prepared the included report.

Due to the limited access the work shown on Figure F and on Sheet 6 would need to be done by hand.

Commissioners question the ability to carry a new manhole frame and cover by hand and if access could be through the Pine Acres swim club , by small rubber track excavator or if the work was really necessary.

Mr. Lotto indicated that the manhole would need some patching and he would look at alternatives to the new frame and cover.

Sheet 7 shows the area within the wetlands where the actual point repair would take place. This area is shown on Figures B,C,D,E.

The best access will be through the adjoining properties. They would need to have access agreements with the home owners.

Temporary matting will be used and the areas restored with a wetlands seed mix.

Commissioners questioned if the work would be done during a dry time or during cold weather to reduce any impacts, the amount of tree clearing, and any impacts from the steaming or resin used in the pipe lining process.

Mr. Lotto indicated that the resin cures very quickly and the steaming water would be re-circulated back into the sanitary sewer. There would be some selective cutting but mostly brush or small trees would be removed to provide 12'-15' access for trucks.

Motion by Commissioner Herold, seconded by Commissioner Buck to Approve the application as a Summary Ruling.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes- October 15, 2014
(LS, BO, DH, MZ, DA, LB,SD,JK)
Motion by Commissioner Herold seconded by Commissioner Buck to
Approve the minutes as presented.
All Commissioners present at the meeting voted in favor. Motion passed

2. Correspondence (No Action Required)
 - a. "The Habitat" newsletter
 - b. "Your Environmental Connection" newsletter
 - c. "Pollution Prevention View" newsletter
 - d. "Sound Outlook" newsletter"

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sanzaro Adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm

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