

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of February 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

These Minutes are subject to Approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Kristen Hammar, Mary Curran, Craig Ferris, Sharon Salling, Suzanne Guidera, John Davin and Mike McCabe

Staff Present: Rob Sibley, Deputy Director of Land Use, Georgia Contois, Clerk

Ms. Hammar opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATION

IW #16-03 by Town of Newtown, 67 Pond Brook, for roadside bank armoring alongside stream.

Mr. Dave Bratz, Assistant Town Engineer for the Town of Newtown, asked the Commission to allow the Town to reconstruct the road bank and shoulder along Pond Brook. This would include 5 places to armor with rip rap and boulders to build the support back up. This is part of a larger project to eventually update the guardrail, drainage system, as well as pave the road. Mr. Bratz explained that most of the trees in the affected area are dead and will be removed, however they aim to work around the living ones. The town would like to begin as soon as possible given the current distressed state of the road.

Ms. Hammar requested a motion. Ms. Curran moved to **approve IW #16-03 by Town of Newtown, 67 Pond Brook Road, for roadside bank armoring along stream**, with no additional questions it is recommended that the application be approved with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Streambank Stabilization Project, Pond Brook Road, Newtown, CT. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February 10, 2016.

Ms. Curran asked for the minutes to be changed from “Mr. Ferris requested a motion to adjourn meeting. Ms. Curran so moved” to Ms. Curran requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ferris so moved. With no other changes, Mr. Ferris moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Salling so moved. Mr. Davin and Ms. Guidera abstained, all else in favor. The minutes from February 10, 2016 were approved.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Sibley presented correspondences to the Commission on behalf of Mr. Maguire: received from concerned town’s people on separate parcels on Huntingtown Road.

Mr. Maguire had issued a short form permit on 1/15/16 to 135 Huntingtown Road to 'remove invasive plants and vines from wetlands and replace with native trees and plants...' The letter received from the Wojewoda Family shows their dissatisfaction with Mr. Maguire's actions. Mr. Maguire had responded in a letter dated 2/4/16. After reviewing and discussing, the Commission asked Mr. Sibley to compose a memo to the Wojewoda family on their behalf, explaining that Mr. Maguire is in fact responding properly and they stand behind his actions as long as he adheres to the conditions of the Inland Wetland Permit.

Another letter presented was an anonymous complaint with concern regarding a disturbance to the watercourse running through a property located on Huntingtown Road. The Commission has advised Mr. Sibley that a Town Wetlands Agent should handle the complaint and take necessary action.

NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications.

ADJOURNMENT

With no new business, Ms. Hammar asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Curran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davin seconded. All in favor. The meeting on February 24, 2016 was adjourned at 7:59pm.

All correspondences are accessible in the Newtown Land Use Office.
A recording of this meeting is available in the Newtown Land Use Office.

Respectfully Submitted
Georgia Contois, Clerk.