

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of July 27, 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, Suzanne Guidera, Mike McCabe, John Davin, Sharon Salling

Staff Present: Steve Maguire, Land Use Enforcement Officer

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

PENDING APPLICATIONS

Application IW #16-19 by Daniel Amaral, property located at 40 South Main Street, to reconstruct a parking lot in a regulated area, create water quality basins and remove 200 cubic yards of fill.

Ms. Hammar asked to hear from the applicant. Daniel J Amaral, 41 Elm Drive, Attorney Robert Hall, 43 Main Street, and Alan Shephard, 415 Howe Ave (Shelton) approached the Commission. Mr. Shephard briefly discussed the earth materials and debris that had been dropped on the property over the course of many years. These materials have slowly encroached into the wetlands area. With plans to remove this fill, Mr. Amaral explained that after, he wanted to place a barrier at the edge of the parking lot to prevent any new materials from being dropped towards the wetlands.

Ms. Salling questioned the size of the area that is affected. Mr. Shephard said it is spread out over a larger area, but is not very deep. Ms. Hammar asked what the grade change would be, to which Mr. Shephard explained the difference to be about 1-3 feet. He did not believe it would be a large enough area to require bank stabilization. Ms. Curran asked about the parking lot, and what the large spaces were for. Mr. Hall responded that the use of the lot is currently in question.

Mr. Maguire asked for clarification on the application. Mr. Shepard told the Commission that the application is just for removing the fill and installing two water quality basins that can easily be maintained. If more work is to be done with the parking lot, he will return to the Commission with more plans. Ms. Curran expressed her concern, having not been to the site yet. Ms. Hammar agreed that all Commissioners needed to visit the site, and the applicant was asked to put up a few stakes showing the area where fill will be removed.

Ms. Hammar stated that the Public Hearing for Application #16-19 will be continued until the next meeting of August 10, 2016, Council Chambers, at 7:30pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hammar reminded the Commission that application IW #16-20 would be heard at their next meeting of August 10, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 13, 2016.

Ms. Hammar presented two changes to the Commission, both on page 2, last paragraph. Change “advise” to “advised” and “along stream” to “along the stream”. Ms. Curran moved to approve with the changes. Ms. Guidera seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Ferris made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hammar seconded. All in favor.

The meeting of July 13, 2016 was adjourned at 7:51pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk.*