



TOWN OF STONINGTON

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Stonington Police Station Meeting Room
173 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

A Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission was held on March 6, 2008. Present for the meeting were Commission members Deborah Downie, Amanda Lindberg, Larry Davis and Matthew Berger. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Candace Palmer was also in attendance.

Seated for the meeting were Amanda Lindberg, Deborah Downie, Matthew Berger and Larry Davis presiding.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence:

Chairman Davis stated although he had received some correspondence, he would present it with the appropriate application.

Call for Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

IW #07-26 Joseph Paulauskis (Sabrina Pools) – Seeking a permit for an above-ground pool within the Upland Review Area. Property located at 8 Whaler Road, Mystic, CT. Assessor's Map 163, Block 2, Lot 7H, Zone RA-20.

Ms. Lindberg motioned to move this application to later in the meeting and Mr. Berger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

IW #08-02 Daniel Holdridge – Seeking a permit to construct a deck within the 100' Upland Review Area. Property located at 612 New London Turnpike, Stonington, CT. Assessor's Map 91, Block 2, Lot 1B, Zone RR-80.

The application was presented by Applicant Mr. Holdridge.

Mr. Berger motioned to approve the application as submitted with two (2) stipulations and Ms. Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Stipulations:

- 1) Water from the spa shall drain in a southeasterly direction.*
- 2) Erosion and Sediment Controls shall be in place and inspected before any construction begins.*

Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report:

Candace Palmer presented her report to the Commission.

Mr. Berger motioned to hear application IW #07-26 and Ms. Downie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

IW #07-26 Joseph Paulauskis (Sabrina Pools) – Seeking a permit for an above-ground pool within the Upland Review Area. Property located at 8 Whaler Road, Mystic, CT. Assessor's Map 163, Block 2, Lot 7H, Zone RA-20.

The application was presented by Attorney John Chase and Applicant Joseph Paulauskis.

Candace Palmer read a history of the site into the record.

Maps from an old approval were inspected by Commission members.

General contractor Tom Coccomo provided some history of Mr. Paulauskis' lot.

Mr. Berger motioned to table the application and Ms. Downie seconded. Motion carried 3-1.

Roll Call: Larry Davis – deny, Deborah Downie – approve, Amanda Lindberg – approve, Matthew Berger – approve.

Show Cause Hearing:

IWWC Cease and Desist Order # 08-004 (Filling of wetlands)

Tom Coccomo answered questions from the Commission.

Mr. Berger motioned to uphold the Cease and Desist order and Ms. Downie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

IWWC Cease and Desist Order #08-001:

Attorney John Chase, representing Mr. Paulauskis, entered documents into the record showing no knowledge of the fill.

Mr. Berger motioned to uphold the Cease and Desist Order and Ms. Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Berger motioned to terminate the Cease and Desist Order and Ms. Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Berger motioned to take IWWC #07-26 off the table and Ms. Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Downie motioned to approve the application as presented and Mr. Berger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Davis read the call for Public Hearing A:

IW #08-03 Daniel Gowen – Seeking a permit to construct a deck within the 100' Upland Review Area and to fill 110 sq. ft. of wetlands and create 110 sq. ft. of wetlands. Property located at 34 Clarence Avenue, Pawcatuck, CT. Assessor's Map 11, Block 5, Lot 35, Zone RA-20.

Chairman Davis stated he was a neighbor of Peter Watrous, whom was present to speak in favor of the application, but felt there was no conflict. No one objected.

Staff comments were presented by Candace Palmer.

The application was presented by Applicant Daniel Gowen.

Peter Watrous of 34 Riverside Drive spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke against or with general comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Berger motioned to approve with five (5) stipulations and Ms. Downie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Stipulations:

- 1) Submit position of mitigation as recommended by soil scientist.*
- 2) Mitigation area to be equivalent of 20' x 25'.*
- 3) Planting schedule for mitigation area approved by soil scientist.*
- 4) Excess fill between house and wetlands to be removed and excess not to exceed 12" next to house; not to exceed 3" at edge of clearing.*
- 5) Erosion and sedimentation installed and inspected by staff before starting work; controls in place until ground is stabilized.*

Election of Officers:

Ms. Lindberg nominated Matthew Berger as Chairman, Deborah Downie as Vice Chairman, and Jeffrey Stritar as Secretary and Mr. Berger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Review of Outstanding Minutes:

The Commission deferred review until the April 3, 2008 meeting.

Adjournment:

Ms. Lindberg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and Ms. Downie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Matthew Berger, Secretary