



TOWN OF STONINGTON

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Pawcatuck Fire Station

Meeting Room

33 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Minutes

Special Meeting

January 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. In attendance were members: Chairman Matt Berger, Amanda Lindberg, Alisa Morrison, Deborah Downie and Jeffrey Stritar. WEO Candace Palmer was also in attendance.

Other Business:

Ocean Community YMCA, Mystic Branch; One Harry Austin Dr. Stonington, CT. Request to waive application fee; received December 3, 2008.

Alisa Morrison recused herself. Member Jeffrey Stritar stated that his wife was on the Board of Directors of the YMCA but did not think that he needed to recuse himself.

Tim Babcock, Ocean Community YMCA branch director spoke describing their non-profit status and that the YMCA received a grant to expand the parking lot.

Ms. Downie made the motion to approve the waiver of the \$200.00 town application fee but not the \$30.00 state fee. Mr. Stritar seconded. Roll Call: A. Lindberg-approve; J. Stritar-approve; D. Downie-approve Chairman Berger-abstained. The motion was approved: 3/0/1.

Old Business:

IW #08-13 North Stonington Group, LLC – Seeking a permit to construct a commercial structure with associated site work within the 100' Upland Review Area. Property located at 350 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, CT. Assessor's Map 17, Block 1, Lot 13, Zone CS-5.

Amada Lindberg recused herself. Ms. Downie made the motion to approve the application with the three stipulations that staff recommended. Mr. Stritar seconded. Ms. Downie thought the data presented, such as the borings, showed sand and gravel outwash, which in her 24 years of experience would indicate that the pond would not be dewatered. Based on her personal experience has not seen sights where similar circumstances have failed. Ms. Morrison discussed drainage issues. Ms. Morrison stated that in her professional opinion having been an engineer for over 20 years, the applicant did not present enough information and data that the wetlands would not be affected.

Ms. Downie made the motion to approve. Roll call—J Stritar-deny; A. Morrison-deny; D. Downie-approve; Chairman M. Berger abstained. The motion failed: 1/2/1

IW #08-18 – Dean G. & Debra L. Riley – Seeking a permit to construct a garage with gravel driveway within the 100 ft Upland Review Area. Property located at 781 New London Turnpike, Stonington, CT. Assessor's Map 89, Block 2, Lot 1, Zone RR-80.

Paul Leblanc, engineer described the project to construct a carriage house style garage to house a collection of classic cars.

Mr. Stritar inquired as to activities in the garage. The owner Dean Riley confirmed that there would be no painting, restoration or changes or servicing of the classic cars which will be stored there. Ms. Downie inquired about the storage/stockpiling of the grading material. LeBlanc stated that the grading would be minimal and temporary.

Ms. Lindberg made the motion to approve with the following stipulations: 1. That sediment controls will be in place 2. Stockpiling of fill be outside of the upland review area. 3. That there will be no oil heat. 4. There will be no plumbing of any kind. A. Lindberg-approve; J. Striter-approve; D. Downie-approve; A. Morrison-approve; Chairman Berger-abstained. The motion was approved: 3/0/1.

Inland Wetland Officer's Report, A presentation regarding fixing the pond/damn at the Stonington High School. The best time to fix is during the winter months due to the frozen ground which can best support the heavy construction equipment. If the repair is delayed until the summer it may effect the irrigation system.

Review of Outstanding Minutes: October 2, 2008; November 6, 2008 and December 4, 2008. All minutes were approved with one change in the December minutes.

Chairman Berger announced that Mr. Skinner has resigned the Commission.

Chairman Berger adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.