

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2011
Minutes

Final

Chairperson Downie called the meeting to order: 7:04 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Nick Salerno, H. Lee Reichart, Nat Trumbull, Jon Mitchell, Phil Biondo and alternate Amanda Lindberg

Commission Members Absent: Alisa Morrison

Staff Present: Candace Palmer WEO

Correspondence: None

Call for Public Comment: None,

Chairman Downie asked for a motion to move item 7b up on the agenda. Mr. Reichart made the motion. Mr. Biondo seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. b. Joe Bragaw – Mistuxet Ave., Mystic. Debris impeding flow of stream causing risk of damage to culvert and road.

Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw and Highway Superintendent Lou DiCesare spoke on behalf of the plan to remove the stone and debris which has remained in the culvert since last year's flood. It causes a rise in the brook which in turn endangering the structure of the town bridge causing concern for public safety.

Mr. Biondo made the motion to permit the Town to proceed with the removal of the stone and debris as presented without a permit with the stipulation that staff would review the project after sediment and control measures have been installed and upon completion. Mr. Reichart seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

a. IW #10-16 Lattizori Development - Requesting changes to road location and new town drainage system. Reduce number of approved lots from 37 to 35. All activity located outside of the 100' Upland Review Area. Property located at 189 Jerry Browne Rd. Mystic; Assessors Map 134, Block 3, Lot 2; Map 133, Block 1, Lot 1A; Map 150, Block 2, Lot 1; Zone RA-40.

This item was tabled at the request of the applicant.

b. IW #06-06 (Renewal) James V. Goodrich (Copps Brook Properties) – Seeking a permit to re-subdivide 118.9 acres including the installation of a culvert to cross a small brook at an existing farm road within the Upland Review Area. Property located at 381 New London Turnpike, Stonington, CT, Assessor's Map 117, Block 1, Lot 1, Zone RR-80.

Arthur Hayward of Hayward Holbrook Surveyors stated that he is seeking a renewal of the original wetlands permit.

Ms. Lindberg made the motion to renew IW #06-06. Mr. Mitchell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. IW #06-06 Copps Brook Properties (Michael & Lynda Galetta) – Seeking a permit for change of driveway location within the 100' upland review area and to renew approval of original house & septic location and a name change on permit. Property located at 443 New London Turnpike, Stonington, CT. Assessor's Map 117, Block 1, Lot 1B. Zone RR-80.

Arthur Hayward explained the applicants are seeking a permit to change the driveway from the original location so that they would not have to share a driveway. Mr. Hayward offered two plans: Plan (A)

constructed the driveway outside of the Upland Review Area but would eliminate too many trees. Plan (B) would require a small amount of activity within the Upland Review Area. Mr. Hayward also stated that Michael & Lynda Galetta are also seeking to renew the permit and have the new permit issued in their name.

Mr. Mitchell made the motion to approve the driveway as presented in Plan B. Ms. Lindberg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

a. IW #11-05 Robert W. Girard – Seeking a permit to construct an addition of first floor living space and attached garage within the 100 ft. upland review area. Property located at 51 Palmer Neck Rd., Pawcatuck. Assessor's Map 50 Block 8 Lot 10C. Zone RA-40

The application was accepted and a site walk was scheduled for April 30, 2011.

b. IW #11-06 Aquarion Water Co. – Seeking a permit to demolish existing trail race, extend pipes and install a new headwall within the wetlands area. Property located at 349 Mistuxet Ave., Mystic, CT. Assessor's Map 133 Block 1 Lot 2. Zone GB-130.

The application was accepted and a site walk was scheduled for April 30, 2011. The public hearing was scheduled for May 5, 2011.

Old Business

a. IW #11-04 (MOD) Lattizori Development LLC – Seeking a modification to permit IW #10-16 for a 36 lot residential subdivision including construction of approximately 4,523 feet of new roads with associated drainage, sanitary sewers and utilities. Construction of detention basins, a portion of the new road and some grading within the 100' Upland Review Area and discharge of stormwater to the wetlands. Property located at 189 Jerry Browne Rd., Mystic. Assessor's Map 134, Block 3, Lot 2; Map 133, Block 1, Lot 1A; Map 150, Block 2, Lot 1. Zone RA-40.

Theodore Ladwig, attorney for the applicant, submitted a brief on the application. He described the process which changed the original traffic pattern. Mr. Biscuti, engineer with DiCesare Bentley described the changes planned to geography and the basin drainage plan. He stated that these changes had no adverse impact to the wetlands. A new activity introduced is a grass swale. Michael Klein, Soil Scientist, stated that the modifications did not have any adverse impact to the wetlands.

Mr. Biondo asked about the 12 foot proximity to the Wetlands and the possibility of the some pollutant or snow removal product impacting the wetlands.

Mr. Biondo made the motion to approve the application for the following reasons:

- 1. There is no significant adverse environmental impact from the proposed regulated activity on the wetlands or watercourses.*
- 2. There is no character and degree of injury to, or interference with, safety, health or the reasonable use of property which is caused or threatened by the proposed regulated activity.*

With the following stipulation:

- 1. Staff should be notified prior to the start of work to inspect sediment and erosion control measurements.*

Ms. Lindberg seconded, the motion was approved, 6/1. Roll Call: Salerno-approve, Reichart-approve, Trumbull-approve, Mitchell-deny, Biondo-approve, Lindberg-approve, Downie-approve.

Other Business:

a. Show Cause Hearing - (IW Complaint #10-004) Willow Point Wood Works a/k/a Philip LoPresto Jr. - 16-20 Stonington Rd. a.k.a. Map 160, Block 2, Lot 3; RC-120 *This item was tabled.*

Enforcement Officer's Report:

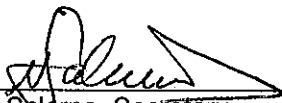
Complaint #11-001 – Town of Stonington – Burdick Lane (3)

Complaint #11-002 – CL&P Clearing and re-grading in easement area - Al Harvey & Wheeler Rd.

Review of Outstanding Minutes: January 29, 2011(site walk); February 26, 2011 (site walk); March 3, 2011; April 2, 2011 (site walk).

Mr. Trumbull made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Reichart seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Lindberg made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Reichart seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimous. Chairman Downie adjourned the meeting at 8:44.



Nick Salerno, Secretary