

TOWN OF STONINGTON
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Regular Meeting
Minutes - Final
April 5, 2012

Vice Chairperson Alisa Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. In attendance: Jon Mitchell, Nick Salerno, Nat Trumbull. Lee Reichart arrived at 7:07pm. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Candace Palmer was also present. Absent: Deborah Downie, Amanda Lindberg, and Phil Biondo.

Vice Chairperson Alisa Morrison asked if there was any correspondence, there were none.

Vice Chair Morrison asked if there were any comments from the Public, there were none.

New Business:

- a. **IW #12-05 Summit Street Development LLC** – Seeking a permit to construct a 4,944 s.f. medical clinic with associated access driveway, parking and landscaping. Property located at Harry Austin Dr. & Masons Island Rd., Mystic. Assessor's Map 160 Block 4 Lot 4; Zone M-1.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for May 3, 2012 at the Applicants request. A sitewalk was scheduled for April 28, 2012.

- b. **IW #12-06 Stonington Country Club** - Seeking a permit for construction of a 3,328 sq.ft. structure with associated grading within the uplands review area. Property located at 396 Taugwonk Rd., Stonington. Assessor's Map 69 Block 1 Lot 3; Zone GBR-130.

A sitewalk was scheduled for April 28, 2012.

Old Business

- a. **IW #12-04 Robert J. Perry** – Seeking a permit for an addition and detached garage with related site work within the 100 ft. upland review area. Property located at 1 Geiser St., Mystic. Assessor's Map 161 Block 10 Lot 7A; Zone RA-20.

Mr. Perry, the property owner described the 24' X 24" garage and the 20' X 16' addition with deck that he is proposing to construct.

Mr. Mitchell questioned the amount of interior trees that were to be removed. He would like the area of the trees to remain semi natural and to only be mowed annually

At 7:07pm Chairman L. Reichart arrived and was seated as Chair.

Mr. Trumbull expressed concern regarding grass to be planted in the area of the trees.

Chairman Reichart asked if the Applicant knew the percentage of trees to be removed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mitchell motioned to approve the application with four stipulations: (1) Staff shall be notified prior to the start of construction to inspect sediment and erosion control measurements. (2) Sediment and erosion controls shall consist of hay bales and e/s fencing. (3) Garage foundation shall only be 42" deep. (4). Tree line shall remain in semi natural condition; the only trees to be removed shall be those tagged by the Soil Scientist. Ms. Morrison seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business:

- a. **Presentation** – Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw regarding repair work on the North Stonington Bridge

Director Bragaw distributed a handout detailing the condition of the North Stonington Bridge located in Old Mystic. An inspection of the bridge after the past flooding revealed that the bridge was no longer safe, subsequently the bridge was closed. He explained that at first it was believed that the bridge was damaged because of the recent flooding but further investigation revealed that it was not the flooding that caused the damage but the age of the bridge.

Mr. Bragaw further detailed that the Town of Stonington was working in conjunction with the Town of Groton to repair the bridge. The Town of Groton was taking the lead and costs of repairs are to be split 50/50.

Mr. Bragaw continued to explain that the work would follow DEP guidelines and regulations. He stated that the workers would be wearing waders while working under the bridge.

Ms. Morrison asked if the waders were to have felt soles, as she is concerned about the possibility of adding pollutants to the water.

Mr. Reichart expressed concerns regarding the falling of rust from the bridge into the water during the repair work.

Mr. Bragaw stated that there would be steel stringers with planking and the work was to be performed slowly and carefully. Mr. Bragaw explained the process of a "General Maintenance Permit" that was in place in the Town of Groton that allowed them to do maintenance work without having to continually appear before the Wetlands Commission. He explained that the Public Works Department would work closely with Candace Palmer, WEO who would inspect the work sites for compliance with the wetland regulations and she would keep the Commission apprised of the pertinent Public Works projects. Discussion ensued with the general consensus of the Commission in favor of the proposal.

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

The Hearing was continued at the request of the Applicant. Staff explained that there would be three Professionals at the next meeting to explain the progress of the violation.

Regulations: Discussions, etc. Staff explained [Zoning Regulation 3.9.3] that allowed zoning applicants to be billed for the cost of outside contractors. Ms. Palmer further explained that as the Wetland Regulations needed to be updated, now would be the time to add a similar requirement to the Wetland regulations, as there were no monies in the Wetlands budget for this type of expense. The Commission members were receptive to the idea and Ms. Palmer is to distribute a copy of the current Regulations to the members for their review.

Review of Outstanding Minutes: March 1, 2012 & March 31, 2012 – Ms. Morrison motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Salerno seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment – Ms. Morrison motioned to adjourn. Mr. Mitchell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

Nick Salerno

