

DURHAM INLAND WETLANDS and WATERCOURSES AGENCY

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-Chairman Dick Eriksen at the Durham Public Library.

Roll Call: Members present: Pat Dinatale, Dick Eriksen, Joel LaBella, Chris Meisenkothen and Al Petrzal. Alternates Present: Mike Fumiatti and Karen Cheyney (7:40 PM). Staff: Geoff Colegrove and Trish Dynia. Others: Pat Benjamin, Bruce Dworak, Donald McMahon and Mr. Arrigoni.

Seating of Alternates: Mike Fumiatti was seated for George Zeeb.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Chris Meisenkothen, seconded by Al Petrzal, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Add as Item 10a. Donald McMahon, 567R Higganum Road, Pond Cleaning. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Chris Meisenkothen, seconded by Mike Fumiatti, to approve the April 14, June 9 and December 8, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

Public Session: None.

Hobson and Motzer, LLC, Proposed Activity within 100' in the Upland Review Area for Lots 11 and 19, Air Line Drive: Company president Bruce Dworak spoke regarding this application to add a 22,940 square foot addition to the existing 43,300 precision manufacturing building. The addition is proposed to be constructed along the easterly side of the existing building in an area that is presently a paved parking lot. (Additional parking to be added on the opposite side of the street).

Activity within the wetlands: The applicant proposes to clear and fill approximately 1,320 sf of wetlands area in order to provide access around the proposed addition. The proposed fill is approximately 70 cu yds of gravel and the water table in this area is approximately 18'. Activities in the review area: 1. Removal of existing paved parking and construction of the new addition.

Geoff Colegrove noted that the wetlands had been defined in the original 1989 site plan and determined that a \$1,392 fee would be needed to process this application.

The commission scheduled a site walk on February 7, 2009. Members will meet on site.

Arrigoni Brothers, LLC, Proposed Activity within 100 of a Wetlands for a Driveway Crossing, Higganum Road: Professional Engineer Pat Benjamin spoke for the applicant who wishes to construct a 12' wide driveway crossing a wetland, and a well within 100' of a wetland at the southeast corner of Higganum Road and Cherry Lane. In order to investigate the possibility of drilling a community well here, the applicant wishes to build an access drive to the center of the property, consisting of a 12' driveway, 18' foot crossing, 15" diameter reinforced concrete pipe, 24' long, 5x5 rip rap and scour pads at inlet and outlet.

A motion was made by Pat DiNatale, seconded by Mike Fumiatti, that there is no significant activity in the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Pat DiNatale, seconded by Joel LaBella, to approve the activity and crossing per site plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Donald McMahon, Proposed Pond Cleaning at 567R Higganum Road: Mr. McMahon would like to lower the water level of this 30' x 20' pond three feet and utilize a back hoe to scrape out approximately 1 ½' of materials at the north end of the pond. Materials that have silted in consist mostly of sand and leaves accumulated over several years. He plans to spread the approximately 25 yards of materials over the property where needed to fill in ruts and smooth the terrain. The activity is planned for the driest summer months.

A motion as made by Joel LaBella, seconded by Pat DiNatale, that there is no significant activity in the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Pat DiNatale, seconded by Chris Meisenkothen, to approve the activity with the proviso that a \$120.00 fee be submitted to the building department. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Cheyney, Discussion of Recent Conference of the CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions: Karen reported that she found this conference to be very informative and encouraged others to attend whenever possible. She also stated that during a discussion of various town's legal nightmares due to lack of proper reporting procedures, it became clear that Durham's IWA does an excellent job of adhering to FOI requirements.

Karen also recommended that the Durham agency sponsor an information seminar for residents on wetland streams in their backyards. Geoff Colegrove noted that there are various speakers available through the Extension Service in Higganum. Karen will look into the possibilities regarding seminar subjects and ways in which the agency can advertise the event.

Proposed Changes to the IW Regulations, New Sections 7.11, 10.8 and 10.9: Geoff Colegrove distributed suggested language for the State-mandated changes and the Commission scheduled an 8:00 PM hearing for the February 9, 2008 meeting.

Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report: No report.

Election of Officers: Deferred to February meeting.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Chris Meisenkothen, seconded by Al Petrzal, to approve the following bills: Karen Cheney, CACIWC attendance fee, \$40, and Trish Dynia, Secretarial Services from October 6, 2008 to January 11, 2009, \$165.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous: None

Adjournment: Dick Eriksen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia
Recording Secretary

cc: Town Clerk, Midstate Regional Planning Agency