

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
April 15, 2010**

Members Present:

Archie Tanner, Vice Chairman
Stan Tetrault, Secretary
Patti Hollay, Alternate

Absent Members:

Lee Lafountain, Chairman
Joe Bushey, Regular
Beth Banning, Regular

Others Present:

Steve Lowrey, Wetlands Agent
Steven Williams, Amendment to IWC # 552
Walter and Erin Moody – Agricultural use ruling

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order at 7:25pm. Seat Hollay for Banning.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of the March 18, 2010 meeting

Tetrault/Hollay: motion to accept the minutes of March 18, 2010 as presented.

Unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment: none

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment to IWC permit # 522- SD Williams, LLC: Proposal to move building and change the location of work in the upland review area

Lowrey reviewed what the Commission had approved during the initial permit and described the proposed new work. Lowrey said the basin would be moved, a check dam would be removed and some of the apartments would be located in the regulated area. Lowrey identified an area with controls to manage parking lot run off. Williams said that after meeting with this Commission, he would have to apply to Planning and Zoning to get a waiver for set back from the property line. Tanner asked why the structures are being moved. Williams said there is a lot of fill that would be required to get gravity feed for the septic system and the new plan would better fit the contours of the site. Hollay asked if there would be any changes to the basins. Williams said that the basin was being reversed, but otherwise was similar. For the most part, the design is remaining the same, but everything is sliding away from the wetlands. Tanner asked about the buffer near the river. Williams said it is a meadow area and would not be changed. Tetrault asked if there are proposed changes to the configuration of the structures. Lowrey reviewed the locations and directions of the overland flows. Commissioners reviewed the changes and that 70-80 feet would still be undisturbed.

Tetrault/Hollay: Motion to accept modification as presented on plan dated 3/24/2010 to move the building and change the location of work in the upland review area.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural uses ruling for property on Easterly side of Charter Road just north of the cemetery in Skungamaug.

Walter and Erin Moody presented a map of the property that is north of the cemetery near the Skungamaug River. Lowrey reviewed the location of the wetlands on the property and reviewed that Mr. and Mrs. Moody would like to construct a well in the wet area for agricultural use. Mr. and Mrs. Moody said they would like to hay farm and relocate their bee keeping

operation to this location. Mr. Moody said he would like to put in buckwheat and hops for specialized beer. Locations for each operation were identified as prospective sites as well as the site for a barn.

Moody said there is no pond on the property. Lowrey said there is a definite wetlands and identified this area as a good site for a well. Moody reviewed the accesses for the property and the location of where an old well might have been. Moody reviewed the location of a proposed curtain drain for the barn. Lowrey suggested that geo-textile be used prior to installing stone. Moody said there is public water near by. Lowrey said it is Tolland Water but is administered by CT Water.

Commissioners discussed whether the activity would be agricultural use. Lowrey said agricultural use does not include draining wetlands. Lowrey reviewed the regulations including what property owners can and can not do on the property. Mr. And Mrs. Moody voiced understanding of the regulations as presented by Lowrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody said they plan to grow buckwheat and hops as well as raising bees. Tanner said he thought these activities are agriculture use. Commissioners agreed that the proposed activities are agricultural use.

Transfer of IWC Permit #539 – Arthur Gottier: Sewer line along Merrow Road from Goose Lane to Baxter Street to Town of Tolland.

Lowrey reviewed the plans and that grant money has been obtained for this project. Lowrey said that a condition of the grant is that the transfer of the permit needs to be in the record. Lowrey said that original permit was granted in 2007. Lowrey said that in the original plans there were plastic check dams along the trench to prevent water seepage from running along the length of the trench. Lowrey said the DEP now wants periodic outlets for ground water at these dams. Hollay asked if the trenches remain. Lowrey said they would remain in as much as the excavated and replaced earth would be more permeable than the undisturbed soil and so ground water that entered the trench would tend to run along it rather than continue across the trench. Lowrey identified the location of a pond. Lowrey identified the location of an outlet that is a pretty steep slope. Hollay asked for a description of the underground check dams look like. Lowrey said he would ask Peterson to give the Commission more information.

Discussion of last meeting’s presentation to Tankerhoosen Watershed landowners.

Commissioners discussed the meeting and agreed it was successful. Commissioners mentioned they were pleased that there was press coverage.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence
 - a. Lowrey provided copies of The Habitat
2. Other Commission Business
3. Adjourn

Tetrault/Hollay: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission