

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
July 7, 2011**

Location: At Gages Brook, in the vicinity of 671 Old Post Road

Members Present: Archie Tanner, Vice Chairman
Stan Tetrault, Secretary
Joe Bushey, Regular
Brendan Marinan, Alternate

Absent Members: Lee Lafountain, Chairman
Patti Hollay, Alternate
Beth Banning, Regular

Others Present: None

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order at 7:18pm. Seat Marinan for Banning.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Agenda item tabled until the next scheduled meeting

3. Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS:

Tankerhoosen River watershed: Walk along the path of Gages Brook to examine the condition of the stream.

Commissioners walked from 671 Old Post Road to the detention basin on Gerber Drive in the Industrial Park and identified the following areas of concern:

1. At 671 Old Post Road, the following concerns were identified:
 - a. The property owner is continuing to maintain grass all the way to the brook edge. Bushey mentioned that the Commission has requested that a buffer be maintained in the past.
 - b. There is a pond/detention basin on the property that has nutrient issues. The outlet pipe has algae from beginning to the end.
 - c. After the southerly bridge, there are serious undercutting issues at the brook edge.
 - d. At the southern edge of the property, there is a brush pile that was pushed over the brook edge and into the creek, also identified at this location is concrete construction debris at the brook edge.
2. Crossing over Industrial Park Road East on to Research Way the following concerns were identified:
 - a. A smaller green dumpster was left uncovered opposite the B&D Machine Shop.
 - b. 2 6" corrugated pipes were located off of the NW brook bank. The origin of these pipes is unknown, but is possible from roof leaders.
 - c. A 3" PVC pipe was also located off the NW brook bank. It is believed that the origin of this pipe from a catch basin at the bottom of the loading dock ramp. This pipe was very concerning to the Commissioners.
 - d. Across from the Continental Glass Business at the edge of the parking lot there was a drainage grate with outlet unknown.
 - e. On both the SE and NW side there were drainage ditches identified.

3. Crossing over Industrial Park Road West the following concerns were identified:
 - a. The culverts that run under Industrial Road West were partially obstructed by vines and invasive plants.
 - b. There was a functioning level spreader at the culvert outlets with a lot of sand at the bottom. There was also a large fence across the creek at this point.
 - c. Across from the Asplundh Construction business, there was an excess of wood chips at the brook edge.
 - d. Across from Vernon Winnelson Warehouse, an open dumpster was identified and it was pointed out that there was no secondary containment around the dumpster. In addition, behind the dumpster, there were light bulbs and other debris that should not be there.
 - e. All along the Asplundh parking lot the roof leaders exited directly on to the parking lot and moved across into the brook. Commissioners questioned what the stormwater regulations are for these parking lots.
 - f. Across from the Hartford Courant office, there was a significant amount of garbage at the parking lot edge. There was also a rusting propane tank on the river bank at this location.
4. Walking continued along Gerber Drive
 - a. Several stormwater pipes were identified and catch basins were inspected.
 - b. Commissioners walked around the detention/retention basin.
5. Commissioners discussed if it would be possible to get the storm water plans for the buildings in the industrial park.

NEW BUSINESS

Receipt of Applications: None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence: none
2. Other Commission Business: none
3. Adjourn

Tetraulti/Bushey: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission