

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
June 16, 2011**

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

Absent Members: Patti Hollay, Alternate
Beth Banning, Regular

Others Present: Steve Lowrey, Wetlands Agent
Students from Tolland High School

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order at 7:15pm. Seat Marinan for Banning.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Accept Minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting

Tetrault/Bushey: motion to accept the minutes of May 19, 2011 with the following correction:

Page 1, section 2, should read "Receipt of Application"

Unanimously approved.

Accept Minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting

Tetrault/Tanner: motion to accept the minutes of June 2, 2011 with the following corrections:

1. Page 1, paragraph 2, sentence 7 should read, "Lafountain suggested possibly creating a series of basins and level spreaders however, a lot of trees would..."
2. Page 2, paragraph 1, sentence 4 should read "Lafountain said if the level spreader is correctly installed the water..."
3. Page 2, section 'general business', item 2, section b, sentence 2 should read, "Lafountain said the project was never brought before the Commission, which it should have."

Unanimously approved. Bushey and Marinan abstained.

3. Public Comment

Tolland High School Students present. Students asked questions regarding policy and agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tankerhoosen River watershed: Review of residential properties abutting tributaries and plan to involve them in watershed management plan.

Commissioners discussed the schedule however, since there would be a quorum there needs to be an agenda published and minutes would need to be taken. Commissioners discussed holding the site visit during a regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners agreed to visit the commercial properties first. Site walk tentatively set for July 7th at 7:00pm. Meeting spot will be at the dam near C&C. Tetrault said he will bring a camera and Lowrey said he would bring the Tankerhoosen River Management Plan. Tanner said he will bring a hand held GPS to locate sites. Lowrey said he would bring a site walk form for notes and comments. Bushey explained the project to the students. Lowrey reviewed a map of the area explaining that the Commission has signed on the Tankerhoosen Management Plan and are working towards preventing pollution to the watershed. Lafountain explained that the Commission is going to review pollution sources and attempt to encourage property owners to decrease/minimize their pollution.

Bushey explained to the students that Connecticut is unique in that the Commissions have “home rule”. Lowrey provided Marinaran a copy of the Management Plan.

Discuss amendments to the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Regulations, as required by new State Statutes and set public hearing.

Lowrey said a public hearing needs to be set because the Legislature has changed some of the regulations, which need to be adopted into the Wetlands Regulations. Lowrey provided copies of the proposed Amendments and indicated that he has underlined the changes. Lafountain said he does not understand some of the timing changes. Lowrey said there has not been a court case, to his knowledge, that inspired the change. Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes.

Lowrey reviewed section 7 and the history of the requirement and explained that smaller projects i.e. one lot building lots may not require all of the requirements in subsections A through F and may only need provide relevant information. Whereas larger projects will require all of the requirements of subsections A through F.

Bushey asked about subsection G. Lowrey explained the subsection.

Lafountain said if Commissioners agree to the amendments a public hearing date would be set. Lowrey said most of the changes are state statute and will need to be adopted after the public has the opportunity to comment. Lowrey said the Town’s regulations could be more stringent but not less. Lafountain asked Lowrey to review the section numbers.

Lowrey said it will cost the Town \$300 to post notice for the public hearing.

Tetrault/Tanner: motion to set public hearing for date for July 21st to discuss amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

Receipt of Applications: None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence
2. Other Commission Business
 - a. Commissioners discussed the Willow Creek Project and reviewed the construction details and modifications required for the permit.
 - b. Lowrey said he visited Shenipsit Lake Road. Lowrey said he spoke to Clem Langlois, Public Works Operations Manager. Langlois said a truck fell into the culvert and crushed the culvert. Lowrey said Langlois replaced the culvert but the project has not been completed and Langlois will return to place riprap. Lowrey said it was an emergency and needed to be completed. Lowrey said he reminded Langlois that even emergency situations should be discussed with the Wetlands Agent prior to initiation. Lafountain said erosion control measures should be put into place to help to decrease the erosion.

- c. Commissioners also discussed road construction project and that curbs that were damaged in the winter are being replaced. The leak-off into the brook near 699 Shenipsit Lake Rd. that the Commission was concerned about was closed off during this process.
3. Adjourn

Tetrault/Bushey: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission