

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
June 3, 2010**

Members Present: Lee Lafountain, Chairman
Joe Bushey, Regular
Archie Tanner, Vice Chairman

Absent Members: Beth Banning, Regular
Stan Tetrault, Secretary
Patti Hollay, Alternate

Others Present: Steve Lowrey, Wetlands Agent

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order at 7:08pm.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of the April 15, 2010 meeting minutes

Agenda item tabled due to lack of quorum.

3. Public Comment: none

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment to IWC Permit # 553 – William and Russel Welz: proposal to move location of southerly driveway on Lot 4, this will increase wetlands impact by 280 feet

Lowrey reviewed the map and indicated the site lines of which were of concern to the Planning and Zoning Commission and property owner. Lowrey reviewed the proposed change to the plan and the location of where filling in the wetlands would need to occur for the new driveway. Lowrey said the original wetlands impact was 750 sq ft and that new proposal includes 1030 sq ft of impact, an increase of 37%. Commissioners discussed alternatives and determined that there is a stone wall that may minimize any headlight issue as well as suggesting that plantings might decrease the impact to the property owner across the street.

Bushey/Tanner: motion to reject the amendment and affirm approval of the original plan.

Unanimously approved.

Discussion of presentation to Tankerhoosen Watershed Landowners.

Lowrey said it is up to the Commission to take the next step to keep the project moving forward. Lafountain said he would like to get permission to review and do site visits at the discharge points mentioned in the report. Lafountain said he was notified that C&C is developing a plan to protect the watercourse that runs through their property.

Lowrey said he spoke to a citizen whose home is on Andrew Way who has been having difficulty with the Town and he wants the Town to deal with water discharge off the road that is impacting his property. Lowrey said the brook runs very close to his house. Commissioners reviewed the map and location of this site and the impact this property owner may have to the project.

Lafountain said after the site visits the Commission may request meetings with the property owners. In reference to the industrial park properties, Lafountain said he would like to roof leaders to be shortened and less mowing and no dumping of lawn clippings into the wetlands. Lowrey said there are only a few properties that are right near the tributaries.

Lafountain said he would also like to review the road crossings and add any problem items to the Commission's "wish list" that the Commission provides to the Town Manager. Lafountain said they could identify where they would like to see changes that could improve the finfish habitats or water quality.

Discussion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: None

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence
2. Other Commission Business
 - a. Lafountain said a citizen reported to him a property owner on Shenipsit Lake Road near Charter Brook has been bulldozing woodchips into wetlands. Lafountain said this property owner has also removed his entire driveway without erosion or sediment controls so a lot of topsoil ran into the wetlands. Lafountain said he was also told that the property owner had yards of topsoil delivered that has also been eroding into the brook. Lafountain said the property owner also burned all of the brush from cutting down trees. Lowrey asked if the property owner had a burn permit. Lowrey said he did not know. Lowrey said he would complete a site visit of the property.
3. Adjourn

Bushey/Tanner: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission