

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF  
October 21, 2010**

**Members Present:** Lee Lafountain, Chairman  
Archie Tanner, Vice Chairman  
Beth Banning, Regular  
Joe Bushey, Regular, arrived late  
Patti Hollay, Alternate; seated for Bushey until he arrived and then seated for Tetrault

**Absent Members:** Stan Tetrault, Secretary

**Others Present:** Steve Lowrey, Wetlands Agent  
Russell Heintz  
Susan Caplan, applicant and property owner IWC #557

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. Call to Order at 7:10pm. Seat Hollay for Bushey.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of the October 7, 2010 meeting minutes

Banning/Tanner: motion to accept the minutes of October 7, 2010 as presented.

Unanimously approved. Hollay abstained.

3. Public Comment: none

**OLD BUSINESS**

**IWC #557 – Steven and Susan Caplan:** filling in upland review area and wetland to replace a failed septic system. Location: 103 Doyle Road

Heintz provided Commissioners with maps of the property for the Commissioners to review. Heintz reviewed the map and explained the details. Heintz explained the history of the site including the location of the current septic system and the plan for the septic system repair. Heintz said John Ianni has flagged the wetlands. Heintz said the septic system had been inspected prior to the Caplan's buying the property but within months of moving in the septic system started to fail. Heintz said the Caplans want to put an in-law apartment addition on to their home. After consulting with the Town, they said that the septic system needed to be repaired first prior to any addition being completed. Heintz reviewed the state and health code requirements for a septic system. Heintz said the site is very wet during the wet season. Heintz reviewed one of the alternatives but it was unacceptable given the location. Lafountain asked if there were any alternatives to the present location. Heintz reviewed several locations and why they were not viable alternatives. Heintz said all of the roof drains would be relocated.

Banning said she did not think there was a reasonable and feasible alternative. Lowrey asked the age of the house. Caplan said the house was built in the 1950's. Commissioners and Lowrey reviewed that the house was built prior to regulations. Lafountain asked about the concrete pad on the site. Caplan said she thought it was probably from an old shed. Tanner asked when the work was going to be done. Heintz said the work was going to be done in phases and hope to start soon. Commissioners discussed the present slope and proposed completion slope. Commissioners discussed the use of erosion control measures including the use of silt fence. Hollay asked about placing the system above the wetlands. Lowrey said the bottom of the trench would be 10 inches above existing grade and above the existing water table and the trench itself is 12 inches above existing grade.

Banning/Bushey: motion to approve IWC app #557 as proposed as there is no feasible and prudent alternative available for the project.

Unanimously approved.

**Tankerhoosen River watershed: Review of residential properties abutting tributaries**

Lafountain reviewed that he contacted the Rivers Alliance and has not received a response. Commissioners discussed the brochures that they would like include. Commissioners reviewed the letter and agreed to the revisions. Lowrey said he could make copies of two of the brochures and Bushey agreed to scan the third pamphlet.

Banning said she visited a few more of the businesses in the industrial park. Banning suggested having a clean up day in the spring. Bushey suggested requesting assistance of EcoHouse at UCONN and perhaps some of the grad students might also be interested because they have to complete volunteer work. Commissioners agreed to try to schedule the event late May or early June and discussed a time line for putting the plan together. Commissioners discussed getting permission from landowners to clean portions of the brook. Commissioners discussed walking the brook prior to the clean up event and flagging it into sections for people to clean.

Commissioners discussed reviewing the roof leaders and drainage issues in the industrial park. Commissioners reviewed there may be drains and the outlets may be unknown. Bushey said he may be able to complete dye testing and the dye is not visible to the eye and breaks down easily. Bushey said there might be costs associated with using the dye.

Hollay said she would begin writing the letters to homeowners as discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: None**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

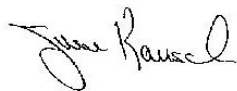
1. Correspondence
2. Other Commission Business
  - a. Commissioners discussed the CACIWC meeting. Hollay said she would like to attend.
  - b. Banning asked if there was any progress with the other drainage concerns around Town. Lowrey reviewed that the one area that he thought would be addressed with a detention basin was not approved by the State and Lowrey was not aware of what had been done. Banning asked if anything had been done at Rt. 74 and Grapeville Road. Lowrey said nothing had been done thus far. Commissioners said they saw construction trailers near the site. Commissioners reviewed other areas of concern. Hollay asked how projects are prioritized. Lafountain reviewed the Shenipsit Lake Road project and there are no erosion control measures in place.
3. Adjourn

Banning/Bushey: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch  
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission