

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
October 7, 2010**

Members Present: Lee Lafountain, Chairman
Archie Tanner, Vice Chairman
Beth Banning, Regular, arrived at 7:42pm
Joe Bushey, Regular
Patti Hollay, Alternate

Absent Members: Stan Tetrault, Secretary

Others Present: Steve Lowrey, Wetlands Agent

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order at 7:12pm. Seat Hollay for Tetrault.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of the June 3, 2010 meeting minutes

Bushey/Tanner: motion to accept the minutes of June 3, 2010 as presented.

Unanimously approved. Hollay abstained.

Acceptance of September 16, 2010 meeting minutes

Hollay/Tanner: motion to accept the minutes of September 16, 2010 as presented.

Unanimously approved. Bushey abstained.

3. Public Comment: none

OLD BUSINESS

Tankerhoosen River watershed: Review of residential properties abutting tributaries

Lowrey provided Commissioners with maps of the inventoried reaches of Gages Brook as well as property ownership information of specific properties with problem areas. Commissioner reviewed the I-84 run offs and the subsequent flows to the Tankerhoosen River. Commissioners reviewed that heavy metals were found at location marker GBST-03. Commissioners reviewed several of the other properties including 107 Mile Hill Road (severe bank erosion noted) and 124 Loehner Road, where an old dam that had become silted in.

Commissioners reviewed a draft letter to be sent to homeowners to encourage participation in the clean up and maintenance of the Tankerhoosen River. Comments and revisions were completed. Bushey said he would make revisions for the Commission to review. Lafountain provided informational brochures that could be sent with letter to provide additional information. Commissioners chose the brochures to include with the letter and Lafountain said he would contact The River Alliance to get additional copies. Bushey suggested including informational website links on the Inland Wetlands Commission Page of the Town's Website could be good references for property owners.

Banning said she went to some of the commercial property owners and tenants in the Industrial Park. Banning said she saw an area where some trees had been taken down and the chips and limbs were left in the brook. Banning said she identified a curb on the by one of the parking lots where there are 5 run-off's that run directly into the brook. Banning also said she was told the major problem with the dumpster area that when garbage company comes to empty the dumpsters. Banning said when she visited the Hartford Courant site, she found papers scattered all around. Banning said she also met with the owner of ConServ who said he would be willing to assist with the cleanup effort.

Commissioners reviewed the storm water drainages on Gerber Drive. Lowrey said it might go into a wet basin and then into the wetlands.

Hollay provided a notice of a Hockanum River Clean-up project in the Journal Inquirer and suggested the Commission develop a program like that for the Tankerhoosen River in Tolland. Commissioners reviewed that a clean up project could take place anywhere along Gerber Drive.

Commissioners reviewed the plan for the next meeting. Bushey will make revisions to letter for another round of revisions.

NEW BUSINESS: None

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

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

Location: 103 Doyle Road

Lowrey provided Commissioners copies of the application. Lowrey said the current homeowners bought the house without knowing that the prior homeowners were pumping the tank. Lowrey said the original leach field was placed over filled wetlands. Lowrey said the property owner wants to place a new leach field and mounds of select fill in and near the wetlands.

Lowrey said the applicant is requesting a waiver to health code because the channels are not as long as required. Lowrey said the well is in the front yard. Commissioners reviewed the location of the wetlands where filling would need to be completed. Bushey asked the area of wetlands filling. Applicant is filling 1,475 sq ft of wetlands and 8315 sq ft of buffer. Lafountain said based on the application, he did not see an alternative. Lafountain said there is no sewer alternative for the property. Banning said she agrees that there does not appear to be a prudent and reasonable alternative.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence
2. Other Commission Business
3. Adjourn

Banning/Tanner: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission