

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
September 16, 2010**

Members Present: Lee Lafountain, Chairman
Archie Tanner, Vice Chairman
Beth Banning, Regular
Patti Hollay, Alternate

Absent Members: Stan Tetrault, Secretary
Joe Bushey, Regular

Others Present: Steve Lowrey, Wetlands Agent

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order at 7:09pm. Seat Hollay for Bushey

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of the June 3, 2010 meeting minutes

Agenda item tabled due to lack of quorum.

Acceptance of September 2, 2010 meeting minutes

Banning/Hollay: motion to accept the minutes of September 2, 2010 as presented.

Unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment: none

OLD BUSINESS

Tankerhoosen River watershed: Review of residential properties abutting tributaries

Lowrey provided Commissioners contact information for residential property owners who are Tankerhoosen River abutters. Commissioners reviewed the list. Lafountain asked if Lowrey cross-referenced the list to the problem list as indicated in the Tankerhoosen River Watershed Management Plan. Lowrey said that had not been done. Lowrey said the list was a resident list but not commercial/industrial park tenants or landowners. Lafountain said he would like to prioritize the residents that have problems on their property. Lowrey said he saw, using GIS, that some of the residents are mowing all the way down to the tributary edge and might benefit from some educational materials. Lowrey reviewed that the headwaters is the Gay's Pond on Mountain Spring Road. He reviewed the path of various tributaries until they enter the Tankerhoosen River.

Lafountain reviewed the locations of "extreme bank erosion" as identified previously. Lafountain identified the areas of impaired riparian buffers. Commissions identified 9, 10, 15 and 16 Andrew Way as areas with impaired riparian buffers. Lafountain said he would like to prepare educational materials and hand-deliver the materials to the property owners.

Lafountain reviewed the fish passage barrier areas and areas of severe bank erosion. Commissioners reviewed that some of the bank erosion areas are naturally occurring. Commissioners also reviewed the locations of discharges that should be investigated. Commissioners reviewed some problem areas in the industrial park including the parking lot run offs and dumpsters. Hollay said that the property owners must have a DEP permit and the discharge would be regulated and monitored by the State. Hollay said that according to State law, the tenants can be held responsible for maintaining the property. Lafountain requested that Lowrey make a list of industrial park tenants in the area of concern. Commissioner reviewed the residences on Valley View. One of the residences is an area of concern. Commissioners reviewed the property on Wonder View but there is nothing identified. Commissioners reviewed the properties on Mountain Spring Road.

Commissioners discussed how to proceed including contacting the property owners. Commissioners discussed drafting a cover letter and providing pamphlets that discusses best practices for maintaining riparian buffers. Commissioners discussed ways to encourage best practices. Commissioners reviewed including the site assessments, as provided in the **Tankerhoosen River Watershed Management Plan**, with the information being sent to the residents. Banning said she would be interested in helping to clean different areas of the brook. Banning said she would be willing to talk to the people in the industrial park about best practices and cleaning the area near their properties. Commissioners discussed that Banning will speak to the industrial park tenants. Hollay will draft a letter to send to property owners. Banning requested that Lowrey find the map of the areas on the other side of the highway to be discussed at an up-coming meeting.

Lowrey said the Town missed the deadline for applying for the grant that was discussed at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence
 - a. Lowrey provided copies of The Habitat to the Commissioners who had not received them
2. Other Commission Business
3. Adjourn

Banning/Tanner: motion to adjourn.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,



June Kausch
Clerk, Inland Wetlands Commission