



City of Ansonia
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

October 2, 2014

Regular Meeting

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Present: Tim Holman, Chairman
Michael Bettini
Jeff Gould
John Jones
David Madar
William Malerba

Absent: Kevin Cegelka

Others Present: Fred D'Amico, City Engineer
Doug Novak, Supt. PWD

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Tim Holman,

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bettini made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2014. Mr. Gould seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Bills

1. Southwest Conservation District Annual Contribution - \$1500
2. CACIWC Annual Dues - \$150

Mr. Bettini made a motion to pay all the bills if found to be correct. Mr. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept all of the correspondence received, dispense with the reading, and place them on file. If a member requests one read or acted upon the correspondence will be brought up individually. Mr. Bettini seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. James Sheehy, Attorney for C. Kolakowski re: 6 Hill Street/32 Root Ave. subdivision

Mr. Madar made a motion to send a letter to Attorney Sheehy requesting that he come before the Inland Wetlands Commission with maps to discuss his request for IWC approval. Mr. Jones seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. D'Amico said that they will need to submit a letter from a Soil Scientist stating there are no wetlands on the site.

Public Session

Chairman Holman asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. He asked three (3) times. There was no one.

Mr. Madar made a motion to close the public session. Mr. Gould seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Casa Nuova Dev re: 14 Woodbridge Manor Road

There is no one present.

Mr. D'Amico said to table this because it is going back to court to see if the court decides to accept the settlement.

Mr. Jones asked if they have done anything on it.

Mr. D'Amico said at the last meeting we told them what we would be willing to accept.

Chairman Holman said Corporation Counsel sent the draft conditions and permit information that we prepared. They have to review it and then get the final approval.

Mr. D'Amico said he thinks they agreed to do what IWC said at the last meeting. It would be up to the Judge to agree to the settlement.

Mr. Madar said he noticed they eliminated the Rain Garden and will put rip rap there.

Mr. D'Amico said yes, they decided to put the rip rap there to filter the water. They will build a small wall in the back to hold the fill and an engineer will monitor it during construction. They added more gullies to mitigate the run off and they agreed to do what we wanted.

Chairman Holman asked if they planned to raise the grade.

Mr. Malerba asked how high will they raise the grade.

Mr. D'Amico said two to two and half feet of fill higher than what is there now. The gullies will be slightly higher and above the water table.

Mr. Madar said there is a boulder wall. Is it now a retaining wall? He said eventually the erosion will go through the wall.

Mr. D'Amico said we discussed the boulder wall and the boulder structure. It will be holding back two feet to two and half feet of soil. It will be two and a half to three feet high and it will be a barrier about six inches to twelve inches. He suggested the commission table this until we hear what happened.

Mr. Madar asked if the Commission issues a permit to Mr. Giamo.

Mr. D'Amico said yes, if there is a settlement. The IWC can issue their own permit.

Mr. Madar said once they get the settlement they come back to IWC for their permit.

Chairman Holman said the case did not reach the Court and it is not case law – it's a settlement.

Mr. D'Amico said a big factor is the City auctioned off the property as a building lot. He bought it and now you are saying you can't build on it.

Mr. Jones made a motion to table to the next meeting. Mr. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Emmett O'Brien Technical School – Walkway and Bridge

Doug Novak, Supt. of Public Works was present.

Supt. Novak said he has been Supt. since February and was not involved in this project in the beginning. He said he, Fred D'Amico, City Engineer and Mr. Sansone from Emmett O'Brien visited the site. He said he did not know the conditions of the IWC permit or the conditions on the site. He read item #4 of the permit - "All work on the property such as digging the holes for the bridge and clearing the site for the construction of the walk ways and bridge will be done by hand. There will be no machinery brought onto the site."

Supt. Novak said there is no way to get in there on the property. There was no growth on the property at the time IWC visited the site. From the tennis courts to the beginning of the brush you can't walk through - the brush is so dense. Mr. D'Amico and I made a determination that the City of Ansonia was charged with doing this project and we are going to have to use a small machine. He said they will rent a Brush Hog to clear the brush from the area and they will possibly use a Bobcat.

Chairman Holman asked how much disturbance would be caused in the wetland.

Mr. D'Amico said the Brush Hog will be used from the street to up to where the bridge is going. Mr. Sansone said they will dig the posts by hand. From the Bridge to the next Bridge will be cleared with the Brush Hog. The Bridge will be constructed by hand and will be built off site and brought in.

Chairman Holman asked about the location of the path and the size it will be cut to.

Mr. D'Amico said it will be six feet wide and it will be clear cut by the Brush Hog and there will be a ten foot wide strip cleared but the strip will not be clear cut. It will be along the pathway. There will be stone dust spread with a small backhoe. They will not have excavating equipment and they will not do massive grading.

Mr. D'Amico said he will be there to monitor it and inspect it to make sure the wetlands are protected and there is no encroachment.

Mr. Madar asked if there will be any damage to the stream on the site.

Mr. D'Amico said it is dry now. There is no water running in the streams. The water shed is up hill. The streams don't go past this property. It is basically head waters.

Mr. Madar said what is the time frame to clear the site and do the work?

Supt. Novak said once he gets in there, he wants to work quickly and get right out. Hopefully one week.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to amend IWC Permit 2014A by removing Item #4 and allowing a Bobcat or a small Backhoe. The maximum working area to be twelve (12) feet wide. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

IWC Permit Fees/Bonds & Update IWC Regulations

Chairman Holman said a letter was sent to Corporation Counsel Marini requesting that he contact Attorney Welch regarding the regulations and fees update. There has been no response.

Mr. Jones made a motion to send a letter to Attorney Tom Welch asking him to come to the IWC meeting to complete the work on the regulations and fees that are about 90% completed. Copy to Mayor and Corp. Counsel.

No second.

There was discussion on hiring Attorney Welch to complete the regulations and how the commission would pay for the legal fees for Attorney Welch's service.

Chairman Holman said he will meet with Mayor Cassetti and explain the issue and that Attorney Welch has already worked on the regulations and that the Commission would like to hire him to complete them but there is no line item to pay him.

Violations

Mr. Blackwell is not present this evening.

Any other business to come before the Commission

None

Executive Session

None

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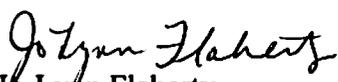
November 2014 Meeting:

The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Gould seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


J6-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary