



City of Ansonia
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

Special Meeting
&
Site Inspection
14 Woodbridge Manor Road

August 18, 2014

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Present: Timothy Holman, Chairman
Kevin Cegelka
Jeff Gould
John Jones
Dave Madar
William Malerba

Absent: Michael Bettini

Others Present: Fred D'Amico, City Engineer – arrived 5:30 p.m.
David Blackwell, ZEO
Michael Horbal, Engineer
Natale (Tony) Giamo
Stefano Giamo
John Marini, Corp. Counsel – arrived 5:15 p.m.
Tony Salerno, R.E. Agent

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Holman.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

Mr. Gould made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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**Elizabeth Lynch
Town & City Clerk
City of Ansonia
Ansonia, CT 06401**

Dear Ms. Lynch:

The Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission will hold a Special Meeting/Site Inspection as follows:

Date: Monday, August 18, 2014
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: 14 Woodbridge Manor Road
Purpose: To walk the site at 14 Woodbridge Manor Road

**Respectfully,
Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary**

Mr. Horbal said that they reflagged the entire area. The blue flags represent his soil scientist's flags and Mr. Piertas's flags are the pink flags, He marked the test pits #1, #2, #3, and #4 on the map and showed the members on the property where these are located. The test pits are deep hole tests to look for water.

Mr. Malerba asked the time of year they were done.

Mr. Tony Giamo said the test holes were done the beginning of June 2013. Mr. Pietras's tests were done June 19, 2013.

The commission members along with Mr. Horbal walked the site. Mr. Horbal pointed out the front corner of the house in relation to Test pit #2 stating the house will be moved about 8 feet.

The set back is 10 feet and they have 10.5 feet. They walked the corners of house (box) on the site.

Mr. Horbal walked to the back side of the property in the wetland area (toward Chester St.) with the commission members. There was a stone wall located on the property that was existing.

Chairman Holman asked about the location of the house in relation to the wetland.

Mr. Horbal said behind the house toward the wetland they will not do any work past Test pit #3 to the rear boundary. The yard will be grass to the wetland boundary and then the remainder of the property will remain as is.

Chairman Holman asked about the top soil.

Mr. Giamo said they strip the top soil to do the work. They only dig where the house will be located. He said the infiltrators will be close to the top.

Mr. Horbal said the retaining wall will be about 3 feet high.

Chairman Holman asked how deep the infiltrators will be.

Mr. Tony Giamo said they have to get to virgin soil – about 2 feet.

Mr. Horbal said the test pits indicate soil and water. The test pits were down about 5 feet.

Mr. Giamo said you keep digging until you hit water and you keep going to get good flow of water which is at 5 feet.

Mr. Horbal discussed the Rain Garden. He said the depression is about 1 foot deep with about 6 inches of water. There will be an outlet to control the water level.

Mr. Giamo said he will keep the area as is. The catch basin in the street is tied into the sanitary sewer that was installed by the City of Ansonia. He will not tie into that catch basin. The infiltrators are away from the catch basin. He said they increased the number of gallies per Mr. D'Amico. He was present when they did the test pits.

Chairman Holman said that Mr. D'Amico should give the IWC a written report on this.

There was discussion on the roof leaders and Mr. Giamo said that there are only 2 roof leaders instead of 4 roof leaders. There will be a continuous pipe tied into one downspout – no water will go to the road. He said if you put the gallies together sometimes there is a problem if you hit ledge and you have to move them. It has to be a continuous slope.

Mr. Malerba asked about the Rain Garden. He asked if they could make a pond instead of a garden. He said his property is a lot like this property and he has a 50 foot pond in his yard that

fills up with the water from the hill and then slowly dissipates. He asked if they could make a pond instead of the Rain Garden.

Mr. Tony Giamo said the Rain Garden will catch the water from the road (about 1 foot).

Discussion on the wetlands located on this property and in the area and on the water flow from Chester Street down to this property.

There was a discussion on Mr. Pietra's report to the Commission.

Chairman Holman asked Mr. D'Amico if the test pits were done to his satisfaction.

Mr. D'Amico said yes, he witnessed them, the documentation is correct. The map with the blue flags are Mr. Horbal's and the pink flags are Mr. Pietras. The Rain Garden is located in the wetland. He said Mr. Pietras also flagged (pink) the Rain Garden as a wetland area.

Chairman Holman asked Mr. D'Amico to provide a written report to the Commission on what he finds on this site.

Discussion on the lot lines as shown on the map. The road is extended 60 feet for a turnaround area. The Rain Garden starts about 22 feet beyond the turnaround in the City of Ansonia's right of way.

Mr. D'Amico advised Mr. Giamo that he had to get approval from the Board of Aldermen for the location of the Rain Garden in the city right of way.

Chairman Holman asked if the Rain Garden contains the run off from the driveway.

Mr. Tony Giamo said the run off from the driveway is in the Rain Garden. He suggested the City of Ansonia abandon the roadway shown there (map) that connects with the Road on the other side.

Chairman Holman asked if there were any questions or comments for the applicant.

There were none.

Mr. Horbal asked if the commission needed anything else for the next meeting.

Mr. D'Amico asked Mr. Horbal for a revised map that shows the revision to the pavement (he showed Mr. Horbal on the map what he is speaking to).

Mr. Horbal said that area will not drain into the catch basin.

Mr. Horbal said he will provide the revised maps to the commission.

Chairman Holman asked if there was anything else for the Commission.

There was nothing.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting/Site Inspection at 5:56 p.m.. Mr. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary