



City of Ansonia
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

April 3, 2014

Regular Meeting

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Present: Tim Holman, Chairman
Michael Bettini
Kevin Cegelka – arrived 7:15 p.m.
Jeff Gould
John Jones
David Madar
William Malerba

Others Present: Fred D'Amico, City Engineer
Dave Blackwell

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Holman,

All present rose and Pledged of Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Madar made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Organizational and Regular meetings held on February 6, 2014 and the Special Meeting held on March 1, 2014. Mr. Jones seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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Approval of Bills

There were no bills.

Correspondence

Mr. Bettini 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. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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

Emmett O'Brien Technical School – Walkway/Trail

Mr. Michael Schryver was present.

Chairman Holman said that Mayor Cassetti notified the Commission that the Emmett O'Brien project is a joint venture between the City of Ansonia and Emmett O'Brien Tech. School. He said that Mr. D'Amico would be over seeing it along with Mr. Schryver. The City of Ansonia is doing the clearing on the site. Emmett O'Brien is constructing the bridge because it is training for the students. The bridge will look like the one at the Ansonia High School. There will be no machines needed on the property for this work. All of the work and digging will be by hand. The project should go smoothly with no impact to the wetlands and watercourse.

Chairman Holman said that Mr. Sansone and the Principal were at the site inspection and verified that they will dig the holes by hand and that there would be no disturbance to the wetlands and watercourse.

Mr. Jones said he left the site walk satisfied that the work would not disturb the wetlands and would be done carefully.

Mr. Madar made a motion to grant the Class B permit with conditions to Emmett O'Brien for work in a regulated area because the City of Ansonia is responsible per Mayor Cassetti's letter. To waive the fees because it is a City and State of CT project.

Mr. D'Amico said you cannot waive fees. They would have to go to the Board of Aldermen to get the fees waived.

Mr. Bettini said IWC would have to collect the fees and they would go to the Board of Aldermen to get them waived and refunded. They would not be able to get a permit unless they pay the fees.

Mr. Bettini seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Schryver said he would get the fees from Emmett O'Brien and go to the Board of Aldermen to get the waiver.

Andy Cota re: request for IWC permit for addition to 19 Sheasby Rd.

Andrew and Denyse Cota were present.

Mr. D'Amico recused himself and left the room because he worked on the map.

Mr. Cota said he wanted to add a garage onto his home with an in-law apartment. He said Mr. D'Amico and the Soil Scientist came out to the site. He explained where the addition would be on the property. He said he had to place the addition on the left side forward with a reverse L in order to stay away from the wetland area on the property.

Mr. Madar said it is 80'1" on that side.

Mr. Bettini said there is a pool in the wetland area.

Mr. Cota said the pool and deck were there when he purchased the home.

Chairman Holman said Mr. Cota is not going beyond the existing structure.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to grant the Class B permit with conditions. The permit fee is \$500, No cash bond required. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

IWC Permit Fees/Bonds

Tabled.

Chairman Holman said the commission should send another letter requesting that the IWC hire an attorney to complete this project. He said to request that Corporation Counsel Marini and Mayor Cassetti attend the next meeting to discuss this.

Mr. Malerba asked about the above.

Chairman Holman said the Commission had Attorney Tom Welch that was working on the regulations and fee schedule and the Commission sent a letter requesting to retain him to finish

the work that was started. There was no response from the Mayor or Corporation Counsel. He said he is requesting that the Mayor and Corporation Counsel come to the meeting to discuss this.

There was discussion on the fees and the expenses incurred by the Commission. The publication fees and application fees were also discussed. The members discussed the internet and electronic publication of notices.

Mr. Bettini said that we should draft a letter to the State Representatives and State Senators asking them to look into the requirement for publications.

There was discussion on having an attorney present at every meeting. Chairman Holman said that we don't need an attorney at every meeting. If there is a big project we can request an attorney.

Mr. Malerba asked how far along the commission was on the regulations.

The commissioners said they were pretty far along.

Mr. Jones made a motion to send a letter requesting Mayor Cassetti and Corporation Counsel Marini to be present at our next meeting. Mr. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Blackwell asked what the setback was from the wetland.

Chairman Holman said 100 feet.

Mr. Madar said it is a 100 foot review area.

Mr. D'Amico said you can allow people to do work in the wetland but it is a 100 foot review area.

There was discussion on the 100 foot review area and the ranges involved. Mr. Madar said Shelton has a 50 foot setback from the wetland.

Mr. D'Amico said Woodbury is 100 feet and they do not deviate from their regulations.

Mr. Bettini said we can write any regulation that we want- 50 feet, 100 feet.

Update IWC Regulations

Tabled

Violations

Mr. David Blackwell was present.

Mr. Blackwell asked if you can drain a basement and let the water out into the wetland area.

Mr. D'Amico said it depends on the point discharge and the amount of erosion that is involved. He said there shouldn't be a problem if you are pumping out a basement.

Any other business to come before the Commission

Release of Bonds

The secretary gave Mr. D'Amico a list of the IWC Bonds that are still in effect. Mr. D'Amico will go out to the sites and inspect them to see which of these bonds can be released. He will send a letter to the IWC notifying them which can be released.

Myrtle Avenue

Mr. Malerba told Mr. D'Amico that there was a water main break on Myrtle Avenue. The Water Company repaired the street however it was not repaired far enough up and the road is collapsing. He said he wanted to advise Mr. D'Amico so he could go out there and take a look at the street. He said they did a 50 foot patch but it is not enough and the road is a mess.

Mr. Jones noted the tie in on Elm Street. He suggested that Mr. D'Amico go and take a look at that also.

Mr. Bettini said there is an area near Warsaw Park on Pulaski Highway that needs some work and patching also.

Mr. D'Amico will take a look at both places.

Executive Session

None

May 2014 Meeting:

The May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Mr. Bettini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Cegelka seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo Lynn Flaherty
Secretary