



City of Ansonia
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

June 4, 2015

Regular Meeting

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Present: Tim Holman, Chairman
Michael Bettini
Kevin Cegelka – arrived 7:25 p.m.
John Jones
William Malerba

Absent: David Madar
Larry Pellegrino

Others Present: Tom Welch, Attorney
Fred D'Amico, City Engineer

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.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the May 7, 2015 Regular Meeting. Mr. Bettini seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the May 30, 2015 special meeting. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

IWC060415

Approval of Bills

None

Correspondence

None

Public Session

Chairman Holman asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission.

Lisa Hemmingway
30 Wesley St.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Ms. Hemmingway asked if there has been an application filed for lot 32 or lot 35 on Wesley St. She stated she heard there was a proposal to build four (4) homes there.

Mr. D'Amico asked the name of the owner of the property.

Ms. Hemmingway said W. Brennan.

Mr. D'Amico said that Mr. Brennan is looking to do something for himself there.

Ms. Hemmingway said he owns lot 35 and wants to purchase lot 32. She said she went to Zoning because she wanted to purchase that parcel and was told that there are three (3) different waterways located there.

Chairman Holman said yes.

Ms. Hemmingway said then your feeling is it can't be built on.

Chairman Holman stated that there is no application before the commission at this time. There can be no decision unless there is a formal application and the commission reviews the proposal. At this time there is nothing before the commission.

Ms. Hemmingway said she is requesting that the commission notify her should an application for these lots come before the IWC with a proposal. She said that this is the only barrier between the residential neighborhood and Route 8.

Chairman Holman asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to address the commission. He asked three times.

Mr. Jones made a motion to close the public session at 7:20 p.m.. Mr. Bettini seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**M. Horbal/L.Iacconnone re: request for IWC permit 45 Silver Hill Rd Subdivision
New Application – received 4/2/15**

Mr. Michael Horbal and Lou Iacconnone were present.

Mr. Horbal said there was a special meeting with a site walk on Saturday to see the wetlands on the property and to answer any questions the commission may have. He said he has no new information for the commission.

Chairman Holman said that he was not at the site walk therefore he will turnover any discussion to the commissioners that were present at the special meeting.

Mr. Bettini said that he has no issues and they have complied with the Inland Wetland regulations.

Mr. Malerba said he agrees with Mr. Bettini.

Mr. Jones asked the length of the driveways for the lots.

Mr. Horbal said the uphill lot (#1) curb to the back is 145 feet long, the next driveway to the rear lot (#2) is 380 feet long and the new driveway to the existing house (#3) is 160 feet long.

Mr. Jones asked if the direction of the sheet flow from the upper lot is east. He said his concern is the water flow to the road.

Mr. Horbal said there are drywells where the driveways are with catch basins on the long driveway. The catch basins are close to the end of each driveway and they feed to the dry wells to the system.

Chairman Holman asked the number of catch basins proposed.

Mr. Horbal said there are three (3) one for each house/driveway.

Mr. Jones asked if these catch basins are at the end of the driveways.

Mr. Horbal said basically at the end. They will catch the roof drainage and the driveway water and the system is sized for a 100 year storm.

Mr. Bettini asked if the driveways are paved.

Mr. Horbal said yes, they are to be paved.

Mr. Jones said the driveway is pitched back toward the house, can you consider installing a catch basin in the middle of the driveway.

Mr. Horbal said some driveways have a cross pitch and it will flow off to the lawn areas.

Mr. Jones asked if they designed for the 100 year storm and if the calculations reflect this.

Mr. Horbal said they did design for a 100 year storm.

Mr. D'Amico said the plan meets the IWC regulations. The cross slope of the driveway will have sheet flow off the side of the driveway and it will be pitched to the catch basin.

Mr. Malerba made a motion to accept the application as substantially complete. Mr. Jones seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Malerba made a motion to classify the application as a Class A non-regulated activity. The permit fee is \$500. Mr. Cegelka seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Release of IWC Bonds – F. D'Amico, City Engineer

Mr. D'Amico said there is the Southfield Nursing home bond and the Adanti Ave. bond that is still active.

Chairman Holman stated that the commission voted at last month's meeting to hold these two bonds.

The secretary stated there is one bond that cannot be identified and she is requesting permission to write a letter to the Bank asking them to identify the bond for the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Mr. Cegelka made a motion to write a letter to Bank of America regarding the unknown bond asking them to research the original deposit to identify who posted the bond. Mr. Bettini seconded. All in favor, so carried.

IWC Permit Fees/Bonds & Update IWC Regulations

Tom Welch, Attorney was present.

Attorney Welch said the regulations refer to an IWC wetlands map for the City of Ansonia. He asked if there is such a map.

Mr. D'Amico said he doesn't believe there is a wetlands map for the City of Ansonia. The IWC usually requires an applicant to hire a soil scientist to do a report on an application if there is a wetland or a question on the land. He said the City would have to hire a soil scientist to prepare a wetlands map.

There was discussion on the proposed IWC regulations that Attorney Welch gave to the commissioners. He discussed section 12.1 where there is an IWC agent that can sign off on a project if there is no wetland on the site or if there is a non-regulated activity. At this time the City doesn't have a Certified Wetlands Officer that would be able to do this. The commissioners stated they would take the wetland training courses offered by DEP so that they would be informed. Attorney Welch said that they would have to be designed to be able to sign off on a project. If there is no one designed to sign off, the project would have to be reviewed by the Commission. There was also discussion on having the Zoning Enforcement Officer getting trained to serve as the Wetlands Officer.

There was discussion on compliance with the IWC regulations and who is signing off at this time for projects that do not come before the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Attorney Welch suggested the commissioners review the proposed IWC regulations during the month and note any changes or comments in the proposed regulations. These can be discussed next month. He also suggested they take a look at the fees and fee schedules for discussion.

Mr. D'Amico said that there are DEP topo maps and photos in the archives that would show changes to properties in the City should there be a question on a particular site. He said there are also topo maps of the City of Ansonia on file.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to table the regulations to the August meeting. Mr. Cegelka seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Violations

Mr. Blackwell is not present.

Any other business to come before the Commission

None

Executive Session

None

July 2015 Meeting:

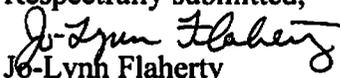
Mr. Bettini made a motion to cancel the July 2, 2015 meeting due to the holiday. Mr. Jones seconded. All in favor, so carried.

The July meeting has been cancelled.

Adjourn

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Bettini seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary