



City of Ansonia
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

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Special Meeting

December 13, 2015

Present: Kevin Cegelka, Vice-Chairman
Michael Bettini
David Madar
William Malerba
Larry Pellegrino

Absent: Tim Holman, Arrived 10:30 a.m.
John Jones

Others Present: Andrew Adamczyk, 31 Hill St.
Ann Marie Bagley - 33 Hillside Ave.
Raymond Bagley - 33 Hillside Ave.
Ron DeGregorio - 23 Hillside Ave.
Allan Mancini - 25 South St.

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Cegelka .

The secretary called the roll. There was a quorum present.

The call of the meeting:

Special Meeting

December 4, 2015

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

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Dear Ms. Lynch:

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

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: 26 South Street, Ansonia, CT
Purpose: To walk the site at 26 South Street, Ansonia, CT

Respectfully,
Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary

Mr. David McDermott, applicant was not in attendance. He was notified of the meeting via regular mail and certified mail (70151520000011504952). Both were mailed 12/4/15 from Town Clerk's office.

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

Mr. Degregoria, 23 Hillside Ave. explained the stakes that are in the ground on the site and that the property was regraded. A swale was put in to capture the water. This was done with the permission of Attorney Kevin Condon.

Vice-Chairman Cegelka noted that 15 feet from the road the property begins to be saturated with water and there are standing pools of water.

Mr. Pellegrino said the backside area of the proposed foundation is wet and there is a standing puddle of water 6 inches deep in that area.

Vice-Chairman Cegelka said at this time he will allow Mr. Degregoria, neighbor, an opportunity to speak on the history of the property.

Ron Degregoria
23 Hillside Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

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Mr. Degregoria said the house on 33 Hillside Avenue where he lived growing up was built in 1958. There was a small swale and culvert up to the tree. There was a steep bank and the water was flowing down the bank. The City was putting in the street and his father spoke to the contractor regarding putting in a wall along the back of the property to hold up the back yard. There was water on the property facing South St. The property line was incorrect by 10 feet to 12 feet. Because of the large amount of water on the property Mr. Degregoria's father was told he needed to have an engineered wall.

He said Mrs. Masiak was angry because Mr. Degregoria's father would have to go onto her property to build the wall. This would make a mess in her yard because the property was always wet. The Degregoria's needed to get in there to do the work properly and they couldn't. A slope to the back yard was graded to the bottom with a swale to a catch basin. When Mrs. Masiak passed away (a few years ago), they were able to get in there to do the work properly. At that time Mr. Tanner stopped the work stating that this property is a wetland. Mr. D'Amico said it is not a wetland but a wet piece of property. The Degregoria's received permission from Attorney Kevin Condon to do the work that was required.

Mr. Degregoria said that they did the work the right way so there would not be a problem. The property was regraded and there is ¾ inch stone installed in an underground swale that was covered with landscape material so the water will flow into the catch basin. Attorney Condon came up to the property to see what was done. The machine that was doing the work got stuck in the mud and water in the yard. They brought in many loads of fill to finish the work. This new underground swale is from the tree stump to the left of the Pine tree to South Street. It is an underground swale to take the water. Three weeks ago it was a running brook. The water was coming out and onto South Street from the property.

Ms. Bagley of 33 Hillside Ave. said there is an underground spring. Many of these houses have sump pumps.

Mr. Degregoria said behind the Horbal house there is water and they have a sump pump. The sump pump failed and when Terry Horbal came to check the house and there was 5 inches of water in the basement. Keefe's house has two sump pumps and the back corner of that house collapsed.

Ms. Bagley said there is a lot of water flowing down through there. When you walk on the property there is standing water and your foot leaves a footprint with water in it.

Mr. Degregoria said his concern is not the application and the house but where is all of the water going to go. It may undermine the bank and the Bagley property.

Ms. Bagley said this is a good day and there is 4 to 5 inches of water on the property. The road is wet from the water.

Vice-Chairman Cegelka noted it hasn't rained in a week and there is water on the property.

Mr. Madar said this has been a very dry summer also.

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Mr. Degregoria said that the applicant's van got stuck in the yard this past summer and had to be towed out. He also questioned the placement of the property stakes.

Vice-Chairman Cegelka asked where they should be.

There was discussion on location of the applicant's stakes for the property lines and the location of the proposed house. Mr. Degregoria noted that he thought the property stakes are not located correctly. He said they should be near the large tree adjoining the Horbal property. Two commissioners walked up to the points where the stakes should be located so the line could be visually seen. Mr. Degregoria said the property stakes seem to be 10 feet off. There is a historic monument located on one corner of the property.

Mr. Degregoria said that 22 trucks of fill were brought in to stabilize the area.

Mr. Malerba said he saw the work that was done by Mr. Degregoria to fix the swale and bank.

Mr. Degregoria said he kept bringing in dirt where the swale is located and there is four loads of top soil. He said the area was overgrown and wet.

Mr. Mancini, 25 South St. said there has been no rain and look at the amount of water that is on the property. He said that at times, the water has run out onto the road and across the street down to his driveway.

Mr. Degregoria said there are two streams that run from Hill Street – one seems to be underground behind 26 South Street and the other underground behind Keefe's house. The swale that was put in on Bagley property hopefully will catch some of this flow.

There was discussion on the flow of water and where it is going and the amount of water on the site.

Mr. Adamczyk, 31 Hill St. said he wasn't allowed to subdivide his lot 20 years ago. A lot in the B Zone has to be 7500 s.f. and in a B zone you can have 2 families with 4 cars. They said there was not enough room for a 2 family house, recreation area and parking. He said he was denied.

Mr. Pellegrino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Madar seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Tim Holman arrived at this time. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary