

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2009

Present: David Knapp, Chairman
Wendyann Anderson
Tim Holman
Ed Phipps
David Madar

Absent: Kevin Cegelka
John Jones

Others Present: Peter Crabtree, ZEO

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Chairman Knapp.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Phipps made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the May 6, 2009 Regular Meeting and the May 28, 2009 Special Meeting. Ms. Anderson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Approval of Bills

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve all bills if found to be correct. Ms. Anderson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

IWC060409

1. Nafis & Young: Inv. 135-09 for \$2175.00
2. Nafis & Young: \$150

Correspondence

Mr. Phipps 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. Holman seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. Conservation Commission re: Falcon Hall dated 6/4/09
2. Fred D'Amico re: Falcon Hall dated 6/4/09
3. Fred D'Amico to J. Nocerino re: 3 Kiely's Lane dated 5/18/09 sent to P&Z copied IWC
4. Kevin Blake re: Andrew Tkacs violation 17 Hodio Dr.
5. Rev. Zlotkowski re: Letter & Payment of invoices for Nafis & Young Melrose Estates Dtd. 5/22/09

Public Session

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

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

Falcon Hall

Mr. Mike Horbal, Engineer, Mr. Jerry Kennedy and Mr. Machowski were present.

Chairman Knapp asked the secretary to read the letters received from Conservation Commission and Mr. D'Amico.

Mr. Horbal explained to the Commission members what the proposed plan would accomplish. He said they are seeking approval for an expansion of their parking lot which would come within 100 feet of Beaver Brook and it's connect. He has submitted a soil report and there are no wetlands on the site. They will be 3 feet away from Beaver Brook corridor. In order to expand the parking lot they will fill six feet of area of the parking lot line and within ten feet of the retaining wall. The fill will not go over the wall it will be below the top of the retaining wall.

Mr. Horbal showed the Commission members on the map the erosion and sediment control measures that will be taken – there will be a silt fence and hay bales along the toe of slope. It is 120 feet long and 40 feet wide in areas of the fill and widening of the pavement for the parking

lot. He has been working on this project for years and a year and a half ago Falcon Hall received a piece of land from the City for the project.

Mr. Holman said there are a lot of trees there that have to be removed. He said that the Conservation Commission did go out to the site and look at it.

Mr. Phipps said that his concern is that it is in the 100 foot buffer area and within 100 feet of the water.

Mr. Crabtree said that there will be an intervening berm to stop the water. There is an existing condition on the site already and this improvement will not cause a problem – if the Commission is comfortable with it being in the 100 foot then it will be OK.

Mr. Holman said that there is a barrier of 100 feet and it is there to protect the wetlands and watercourse. There is no wetlands on the site and the trees are dead that are there.

Chairman Knapp asked about the water runoff.

Mr. Horbal said there is a catch basin in Danielczuk Drive that they will connect to through the storm drains. There will be no direct discharge to Beaver Brook from the parking lot.

Mr. Horbal said Ansonia has a 100 foot upland review area that allows you to regulate what goes on in that area in addition to the wetlands if you allow it. It is not a strict prohibited area.

Mr. Crabtree said it is more of a review area in this case.

Mr. Madar asked if there is a retaining wall existing now.

Mr. Horbal said it is 2 feet high and deteriorating. They are not doing any wall construction. They will fill in the area and raise the area and put in a curb and guide rail along the existing wall.

Mr. Madar said they are filling in 13 feet.

Mr. Horbal said they are filling in 12 feet.

Mr. Madar said what happens if the area washes out and runs off into the Brook.

Mr. Horbal said there is 4 feet to 8 feet of level land before it hits the Army Corp of Engineers wall. They are not raising the existing grade in that area at the wall.

Mr. Madar said he would like to see a detail of the wall.

Mr. Horbal showed Mr. Madar where the wall is located and where the fill will be put on the land.

Mr. Madar said if there is a heavy rain and you have a washout – the fill and dirt will go directly into the Brook.

A discussion followed.

Mr. Holman made a motion to hold a site inspection at Falcon Hall parking lot on Saturday June 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Anderson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Holman said that at the last meeting the commission decided that they will conduct a site inspection for every application received by the Commission.

TUG LLC/Estate of Casmir Machowski: Request for IWC permit for 55+ housing located off Hill Street at the end of Shortell Drive

There is no one here.

The public hearing was continued to Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Violations:

The secretary forwarded to the Commission a copy of the letter Fred D’Amico sent to P&Z regarding the J. Nocerino, 3 Kiely’s Lane violation.

Mr. D’Amico is not present this evening to further discuss the violation.

Any other business to come before the Commission

None

July Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for July are as follows:

Thursday, July 2, 2009: Continued Public Hearing – Melrose Estates at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 2, 2009: Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Site Inspection – Falcon Hall: Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Mr. Phipps made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Ms. Anderson seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary