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**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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July 7, 2016

Regular Meeting

Present: Tim Holman  
Michael Bettini  
Kevin Cegelka  
John Jones  
William Malerba  
Larry Pellegrino

Others Present: Fred D'Amico, City Engineer  
Sheila O'Malley, Executive Director Economic Dev.

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 April 7, 2016 Regular Meeting. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Approval of Bills**

None

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## **Correspondence**

Mr. Pellegrino made a motion to accept all correspondence and place on file. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. Applications:
  - a. City of Ansonia/ANC Parking Lot request for permit
  - b. R. Haddad re: Reichelt Terrace request for permit
2. Referral: City of Ansonia – Farrell Building amendment

## **Public Session**

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

Sheila O'Malley  
Executive Director, Economic Development  
City of Ansonia

Ms. O'Malley addressed the Commission stating she was speaking on behalf of the Ansonia Nature Center improvements. She said she would like to see the improvements to the parking lot go forward. There is little to no impact on the wetlands. She thanked the commission for their consideration.

John Fanotto  
45 North St.  
Seymour, CT

Mr. Fanotto stated he is representing Wesley Street Properties. He will submit an application to the Commission next month for 32 Wesley Street. The property is 1.6 acres and he would like to give an informal presentation this evening. He said he has a map and a soil report.

Chairman Holman said this property is not on the agenda this evening. There was tree clearing on the site. He asked if there has been an application submitted to the Commission.

Mr. Fanotto stated that he has not submitted an application as yet. He would like to give the commission a copy of the map and the soil report for discussion this evening. He said he will then file an application with the commission.

Chairman Holman stated there is no application before the commission therefore it cannot be discussed this evening. He said the commission members have not received any information regarding this subject. He suggested that Mr. Fanotto file an application along with the maps,

soil report and fees and the proper number of copies with the secretary so that the application will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

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

**DeCarlo & Doll re: Fountain Lake Site Plan Modifications to Farrel Hqts Lot 6-1**

Chairman Holman stated that this modification to the site plan was before the P&Z Commission as it was an amendment to their application. It was not intended for IWC.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to remove Fountain Lake Site Plan Modifications from the IWC agenda. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**Robert Haddad request for IWC permit for 35 Silver Hill Road for a single family home and to relocate a 872 s.f. watercourse and 105 s.f. sewer construction on property for the single family house**

Mr. Michael Horbal and Mr. Robert Haddad were present.

Mr. Horbal explained the application to the commission members. He said the property is 35 Silver Hill Road and it goes through to Reichelt Terrace. He said Mr. Haddad plans to construct a single family dwelling on the west side of Reichelt Terrace. It borders Osborndale State park. He said they spoke to WPCA regarding a sewer easement down through to Reichelt Terrace. He said that WPCA was desirous to have the easement because it would enable them to eliminate two pump stations and the area would be gravity fed to the Sewer Plant.

Mr. Horbal reviewed the maps with the commissioners. He showed them Silver Hill to Reichelt Terrace and where the sewer line would be located. He said WPCA is very interested in eliminating these two pumping stations. He said they would have to cross a watercourse but there are no wetlands there. The watercourse is 860 s.f. and they would like to relocate it away from the house. There are no storm drains at the end of Reichelt Terrace and there is a leak off from that drainage on the Haddad property. Mr. Haddad will provide a sanitary sewer easement to WPCA and an easement to the City of Ansonia for the storm sewers. He said it is important to know the boundaries. They are proposing to move the watercourse and construct the house.

Chairman Holman said that he and Mr. Cegelka walked the property and there are no wetlands on the site but the watercourse falls under the IWC.

Mr. D'Amico said the watercourse is an intermittent stream and it dries up in the summer. It is caused by the run off from Silver Hill Road. It would be an advantage to the City of Ansonia to get the easement for the storm drainage. It would also be an advantage and a big savings to the WPCA to gravity feed the line from Silver Hill Road and Reichelt Terrace. He said last week they found one pump station up there that was not functioning. This would eliminate not only mechanical concerns but also electrical bills for the two pump stations. He said they could relocate a portion of the intermittent stream because it is not a permanent flowing watercourse. There is not a pristine wetlands on the site and it has been graded and regraded many times through the years.

Mr. Cegelka said they would tie into the Route 8 pipe.

Mr. D'Amico said they would relocate on one side of the property because someone else owns the property on the other side. He said Mr. Gomez will come to IWC to grade his property. He said Mr. Gomez will clean up the property and get a drainage ditch along Rt. 8.

The Commission members reviewed the map with Mr. D'Amico and Mr. Horbal.

Mr. Bettini said the stream is more of a storm water run off area.

Mr. D'Amico said yes, it is an intermittent stream that is catching the run off from Silver Hill Road.

Mr. Horbal said the only water in the intermittent watercourse is coming from the run off from Silver Hill Road.

Chairman Holman said that he and Mr. Cegelka walked the property and the problem seems to be coming from the Gomez property.

Mr. Jones asked if there is a design and a procedure to move the stream.

Mr. D'Amico said whatever you require Mr. Haddad to do to move the stream he will do and provide the plans to the Commission.

Mr. Jones asked if the Army Corp of Engineers has to be involved.

Mr. D'Amico said no it is under the amount required for the Army Corp to review. He said he submitted plans to Supt. Capozzi and WPCA Chairman Parente for the WPCA meeting last night.

Mr. Bettini said when you move the stream will you come back to IWC.

Mr. Horbal said that would be determined by IWC if they want us to come back.

Mr. Bettini said he would like to understand how they plan to move the stream. He asked if there are drawings, etc. showing how this will be done.

Mr. Horbal said he will submit the finalized drawings to the Commission.

Mr. D'Amico said the stream goes into the ground and disappears.

Mr. Cegelka said it floods Gomez' backyard.

Mr. D'Amico said Mr. Haddad will relocate the stream. Mr. Gomez has to clean up his yard and extend the stream through there.

Chairman Holman said Mr. D'Amico will work it out with Mr. Gomez.

Mr. D'Amico said he walked the property with Mr. Blackwell.

Mr. Pellegrino asked if they will fix Gomez property first.

Mr. D'Amico said they will relocate the stream to the side of the property.

Mr. Cegelka said the State of CT goes through the property.

Mr. Horbal said there is a gate on the Haddad property.

There was discussion on the relocation of the stream through the Haddad and Gomez property. Mr. D'Amico said the lowest place is through the Gomez property and if he agrees to the plan it will be OK.

Chairman Holman said the application should be tabled until there is an agreement with Mr. Gomez and Mr. Gomez comes to IWC for a permit.

Mr. D'Amico said he will contact Mr. Gomez and go out there with Mr. Horbal to extend the area for a positive flow of water.

Mr. Bettini said to refer the application to Staff to analyze the drainage issues and work it out with the property owners.

Chairman Holman said if the neighbor is not involved the plans work without his approval.

Mr. Horbal said the plans work without his approval. There is a turnaround on the Haddad property and the watercourse is shown on the original subdivision map going through the Gomez property.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to approve with conditions the request for a Class B IWC permit for 35 Silver Hill Road to construct a single family dwelling and to relocate the intermittent stream as follows:

Conditions:

1. The applicant will return and submit the final maps. The maps must show the detail of the drainage with the swales and the swale details.
2. A letter from the Water Pollution Control Authority regarding the easements.
3. The applicant will provide details of the rip rap, etc. for the depth and width of the embankment of the stream.

Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **City of Ansonia/Ansonia Nature Center re: request for IWC permit for parking lot**

Dominic Celtruda, BL Companies was present.

Mr. Celtruda explained the work that is proposed for the parking lot located at the Ansonia Nature Center. He said there was a study done last Fall for the parking lot and they developed a schematic plan for the existing waterfall, the bithumus/crushed stone lot, trees and the sheet flow to the wetland and the Red Wing Pond. He said they created a more organized safe parking lot to the northwest of the site.

There was discussion on the location of the proposed parking lot for the Nature Center. The parking lot has been pulled away from the ANC building and is on the western side of the site. It is elevated slightly and there is a rain garden and grass with paved systems. Mr. Celtruda said they worked with Public Works to develop a plan to handle the storm water and the snow. The drainage from the access lanes during peak discharge and maximum flow rate will flow to the ground water recharge system and to the pipe.

Mr. Bettini asked if there will be any run off to the wetland area.

Mr. Celtruda said yes. He explained on the map the direction of the water flow to the wetland area. The overflow will go to the same area it presently flows to now. There is an open lawn area in the front that will take some of the water. The system was planned to handle a 100 year storm. There is a gravel area on the bottom of the system. He said he provided a storm drainage report with his application.

Mr. D'Amico asked if the pipe is for a 100 year storm.

Mr. Celtruda said yes, and there is an overflow valve.

Mr. Pellegrino asked if they were going to dredge the pond.

Mr. Celtruda said the grants were broken into smaller studies for the funding. They are presently seeking funding for the dredging of the pond.

There was discussion on the funding for the parking lot (\$500,000) and the dredging of the pond (\$560,000). Chairman Holman said that the application is for the parking lot.

Mr. D'Amico said the drainage calculations are adequate and they meet the 100 year storm calculations. He said it is good that they are using a rain garden in the plan. He said Allison Rublemann and former Supt. Novak were involved in the planning of the parking lot.

There was discussion on the area where the road will be located and if it will disturb the fill for the habitat where the children will be next week. Mr. Celtruda said it should not interfere with anything. He said it is important for the play area and their work will not disturb the parking lot. The new playground at the Nature Center is being donated by Basement Systems and volunteers.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to accept the application and grant a permit for the parking lot at the Ansonia Nature Center parking lot. Mr. Cegelka seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to amend his motion to classify the IWC permit for the ANC parking lot as a Class B regulated permit. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

#### **Violations**

None

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Any other business to come before the Commission**

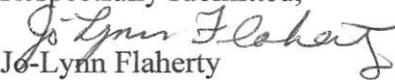
#### August Meeting

Mr. Cegelka made a motion to cancel the August meeting due to summer vacations. Mr. Jones seconded. All in favor, so carried.

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Bettini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Malerba seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary