



City of Ansonia
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

253 Main Street
Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

Special Meeting/Site Inspection

October 30, 2016

Present: Tim Holman, Chairman
Michael Bettini
William Malerba
Larry Pellegrino

Absent: Kevin Cegelka
John Jones

Others Present: Fred D'Amico, City Engineer
John Sponheimer, Attorney
Clifford Hoyle, Attorney
William Brennan, owner
Christopher Allen, Soil Scientist
John Fanotto, Engineer
Lisa Hemingway, neighbor
Joan Radin, 5th Ward Alderwoman
Kathy Radin

The Special Meeting/Site Inspection of the Ansonia Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Holman

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

The call of the meeting:

Special Meeting

October 11, 2016

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cust. William Branch
TOWN AND CITY CLERK
ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

Janet Vitarius Waugh
Town & City Clerk
City of Ansonia
Ansonia, CT 06401

Dear Ms. Waugh:

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

Date: Sunday, October 30, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: 32/33R Wesley Street, Ansonia, CT
Purpose: To walk the site at 32/33R Wesley , Ansonia, CT

Respectfully,

Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary

Those present walked to the site where the fill was deposited. At the edge of the fill area there were sink holes. There was a large hole located in the area where the commissioners and applicant were descending the hill.

Mr. W. Brennan stated he just purchased this property about six months ago. He did not bring this fill in and dump it on this property. He said he removed dead trees from the area. He said everybody dumped here. He made an area for the machine to get in and remove the dead trees. He said there are holes in the fill. The property he owns is to the left of this area. He has owned this property for 70 years.

Those on the site inspection walked to the bottom of the fill area hill. There is a ravine at the bottom of this area. The hill is all fill – tar, rocks, dirt, trees, tree stumps, leaves, cement. To the left of the deep area there is a pile of dead trees and stumps.

The commissioners walked the site to the bottom of the hill where the land is somewhat flat. The group that walked the site to the bottom of the fill area returned to the road and continued

the discussion between the applicant, his engineers, the commission members and the City Engineer as to what was observed. There was drainage from RT 8 and a catch basin on the side of the property abutting Wesley St. There was another drainage pipe that must be fully located as to where it is on the property (buried in the fill).

Mr. Fanotto said there is a drainage pipe but they can't find it. Mr. D'Amico showed him on the map where he thinks the culvert is located and possibly the pipe. He said at 110 degrees the drainage may go to Dwight Street. Mr. Fanotto said there is 16 feet of fill. They were in the process of removing the fill and trying to locate the culvert and the drainage pipe but they received a stop work order so they had to stop the work.

Mr. D'Amico using the map traced the path of water flow. They may find it was piped.

Mr. Brennan said it may have gone to Dwight Street. The recent rain water from Dwight Street flowed down to this site.

There was discussion on how to locate the direction of the water flow. They could use dye in the water or a camera to see where the water goes. Mr. D'Amico said we need to know where the pipe and the catch basin are located.

Christopher Allen said he flagged two watercourses but no wetland soils are located on the site. The entire property has no wetland soils. There are two intermittent watercourses from the flat plane to the sandy soil. All the soils are well drained soils and there are no wetland soils on the site.

There was discussion on catching the water and piping it to the catch basin. The group discussed this while viewing the map and the contours and fill area along the properties on the Dwight Street side of the site.

There was discussion on the pipe at the end of Wesley Street and where it is located in the fill area. Mr. Brennan said it may be 16 feet off his property line. They discussed digging to repair the area of fill. The fill is about 16 feet deep. They would have to find the manhole and pipe the entire area to catch the sheet flow.

Mr. Fanotto said they would be bringing in about 8,000 cubic yards of fill to remediate the property.

Mr. D'Amico said they would have to go to Planning and Zoning for the fill and Inland Wetlands.

Mr. Bettini said that they would have to go to P&Z for the fill.

Mr. Fanotto said they will find out what the fill material is and then build. They have to remove the fill, leaves, trees, etc. and deal with what they have.

Chairman Holman asked if they plan to grade the area after they remove the fill and clean up the site. Do they plan to find the drainage and the catch basins.

Mr. Fanotto said there is a pretty good size hole there.

Mr. Albert Monopoli, a neighbor was present at this time. He said the pipe was originally there and it will drain to his property.

Mr. Brennan said the pipe was put in by the City of Ansonia.

Mr. D'Amico said the people were dumping here along Rt 8. The City cleaned it out so it wouldn't flow to Mr. Monopoli's property.

The video taken shows the members at the bottom of the hill. Kathy Radin showed the pipes to the left next to the slab. Not sure if they are connected. There was discussion on the pipes and the drainage from Route 8. Video ended.

Mr. Bettini made a motion to adjourn the special meeting/site inspection at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Pellegrino seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary