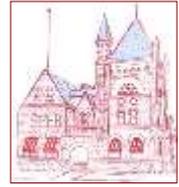




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MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2018

INLAND WETLAND AGENCY

The West Haven Inland Wetlands Agency held a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kane, Perrone, Beecher, Carr and ZEO Conniff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Perrone made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

693 and 697 Forest Road: The applicant is applying to construct a maintenance building to support Yale University athletic facilities. No work or activity is proposed in the wetland or watercourse. Some cutting and filling, storm water, and sewer features will be added but the project will not adversely impact any wetland or watercourse, under the City of West Haven Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Applicant/ Owner: Yale University; File #008-18 IW

ZEO Conniff read a letter from the applicant's lawyer, Attorney Hanna, requesting that the public hearing not be opened tonight and be continued to the January Inland Wetland commission meeting for the purpose of mailing notices to property owners. Commissioner Perrone made a motion to continue File #008-18 IW, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

28 Woody Lane: The applicant is requesting to change and existing porch into living space in the upper inland review area of Lake Phipps. The owner will be adding new sono tubes and replace the old ones per building code and to protect the waterway per the City of West Haven Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Owner Javille Homes LLC. Applicant: Neville Duquesna; File # 009-18.

Commissioner Kane visited the site and it is a porch enclosure. The contractor will keep the pond clean. This is a simple porch to be installed. ZEO Conniff stated the mailings were done by the applicant and no comments from Building and Fire Departments.

Three calls were made to speak in favor and three calls were made to speak in opposition to this application.

Commissioner Perrone made a motion to approve File #009-18 with the following condition: Silt fencing be installed, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

120-140 Freshmeadow Lane: The purpose of the project is post-facto approval of drainage improvement. The applicant seeks authorization to extend the existing cross culvert in the central portion of the site. The post-facto activities disturbed 50' of upland review area to the Cove River in order to install a 50 feet long 12" reinforced concrete pipe. The applicant would like to install a sump within the Cove River. The pump will be used intermittently for use in dust suppression. The total disturbance is approximately 16' within the Cove River, though the majority of this is temporary. The sump pit will not require grading, and ground disturbance will be limited to the immediate project area. Pump use will be minor and well less than the State of

Connecticut disturbance threshold of 50,000 gallons per day (gpd). Owner/Applicant: John Colonna; File # 010-18 IW

A Cease and Desist was issued on July 11, 2018 where the commission had required the applicant to come before the board for approval of the insulation of the 12" pipe. The commission has given orders to restore surrounding wetlands, by moving jersey barriers 20' into their property away from the wet lands and not store any equipment or material on the wetland side of the jersey barriers. This area should never be used.

Commissioner Kane read the above into the record stating the purpose and activities of this application. Megan Raymond, soil scientist, Milone and MacBroom, stated the wetland boundary has been flagged. Abutter notifications have been sent. There is an existing cross culvert on the property that was installed several years ago that goes under Fresh Meadow Rd. The corner of the property in the eastern section is wetland. The current proposal is to remove the 12 inch pipe and replaced it with a 15 inch pipe and a pit to collect the water. The other activity will be a sump pump installation to pull water from the Cove River to fill the water trucks to control the dust.

Three calls were made to speak in favor and three calls were made to speak in opposition to this application.

Deb Simone, questions the width of the Cove River and whether the 48 inch basket will fit. She is also concerned about the backup into the Cove River since her property is not draining.

Don Germonte, 120 Fresh Meadow Rd., explained the history of the property and the disturbance into the wetlands by moving the jersey barriers when he purchased the property. His house has flooded twice since applicant has purchased the property.

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve File #010-18, seconded by Commissioner and passed.

1. Clean out the driveway entrance area
2. Maintain 2 ft depth at the inlet of the 15 inch pipe to prevent siltation into the Cove River.
3. Jersey barriers to be maintained at the distance required by the Inland Wetland Commission
4. Piles to be no more than 38 ft.

Seconded by Commissioner Perrone and passed.

Staff report:

File # 007-18 - 55 Railroad Avenue – This was approved October 16, 2018 last month according to mapping that was presented. However, mapping was inaccurate. The application is therefore rescinded. Commissioner Perrone made a motion to rescind File #007-18, 55 Railroad Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Carr and passed.

Approval of 2019 Meeting Schedule – Commissioner Beecher made a motion to approve the 2019 meeting schedule to meet on the third Tuesday of every month, seconded by Commissioner Perrone and passed.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 P.M.

Commissioner Perrone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.