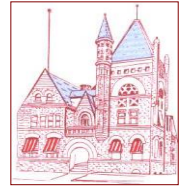




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MEETING MINUTES OF INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The West Haven Inland Wetlands Agency held a Public Meeting on Tuesday February 15, 2022 at West Haven City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. In the Harriett North Room 2nd floor at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kane, Gilbane, Beecher, Perrone, ZEO Hotchkiss and Planning Director Soto.
Absent was Commissioner Carr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Gilbane made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 7, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

38 Orange Avenue: A request from the Applicant to construct a 10' electric chain link fence on the interior of the existing fence. Owner/Applicant AMAROK, LLC. File # 001-22 IW

Commissioner Kane stated the City of West Haven has restrictions on electric fences in their building code, Section 52.2. His recommendation is that the commission can accept this proposal but will not act upon it tonight. Jeffrey Gordon, Codespodi Associates stated he was informed that he needed to come before Inland Wetland first before going to ZBA. Commissioner Kane stated if an approval is granted tonight, it will have a condition of approval by ZBA. A perimeter fence was constructed along the property line and Penske is being robbed frequently of catalytic converters. This is the reason for the 10' high interior electric fence. Mr. Soto stated the commission can only decide if there is an impact on the wetlands.

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

Commissioner Gilbane made a motion to close the public hearing on File #001-21 IW, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

Commissioner Gilbane made a motion to accept and approved File #001-21 IW with the condition that ZBA approval is granted, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

1 Circle Street: A request from the Applicant to construct a lecture hall on the northeast side of the existing building. The proposed plan includes excavation required for new storm drainage piping and manhole, turf restoration, curbing, and trench repair. No direct wetland disturbance is proposed in this application. Owner/Applicant Michael LoSasso for West Haven Board of Education. File # 002-22 IW

Michael LoSasso, architect, stated the project is about 3800 sq. ft. The current construction project is almost finished. The lecture hall will be a program space for the school and the community and be available for after hours use. Kent Ganon, Tech Consulting, described the site plan, the location of the lecture hall and the flow of the storm water. Commissioners discussed the privacy fence that was previously discussed at prior meetings.

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

Leona Haterman, Painter Ave., agrees with the fence and would like to know the reason for the lecture hall. Commissioner made a motion to close the public hearing on File #002-21 IW, seconded by Commissioner and passed.

Commissioner Gilbane made a motion to close the public hearing on File #002-21 IW, seconded by Commissioner Perrone.

Commissioner Perrone made a motion to approve File #002-21, seconded by Commissioner Gilbane and passed.

Open Space Commission:

6 Rock Street: A request from the applicant to relocate a portion of the walkway that currently runs along the Savin Rock Conference Center towards the water to create an enclosed patio area. Owner: City of West Haven/
Applicant: New England Brewing Co. File #003-22 IW

Marty Guliano, New England Brewing Co., showed pictures of the site that will be used for the brewing company. In the plan space will be accommodated for emergency vehicles to access the walkway. The building is set back 6 ft from walkway and applicant has suggested providing a buffer between the patio and the walkway. The walkway would be relocated closer to the water. The building will be two stories, first floor will be a tap/brewing space and the second floor will be event/office space. Plans have not been finalized and will be completed next month. The footprint of the building will be larger than the existing building. The expansion will be toward the parking lot. Commissioner Gilbane made a motion to accept File #003-22 IW, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Lake Phipps – an herbicide will be put in the lake
Handbook from CT Conservation Commission regarding training.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 p.m.

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