

May 6, 2012

MINUTES: THE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Thornton Wilder Hall, Miller Memorial Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT and the following items were reviewed:

Commissioners in attendance:

Mike Montgomery, Acting Chair
 Eric Annes
 Joan Lakin
 Kirk Shadle
 Andrew Brand
 Bob Gnida
 Mike Stone
 Mike Milazzo, left at 7:50 p.m.
 Bob Anastasio

Staff in attendance:

Dan Kops, Assistant Town Planner
 Tom Vocelli, IW Enforcement Officer
 Stacy Shellard, Commission Clerk

Mr. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:01. Ms. Lakin called the roll and there was a quorum.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Notices-of-Violation, Cease & Desist & Restore Orders, Notices-to-Appear

- a. N.O.V.** 64 Rocky Top Road – clearing of trees & removal of vegetation

Mr. Montgomery updated the commission with regard to the court case.

- b. N.O.V.** 251 Welton Street – oil spill or discharge

Mr. Montgomery advised the members that an update on 251 Welton Street is included in their packet.

- c. N.O.V.** Lot 10-Benham Hill Estates(aka 0 Benham Hill Place)
 Failure to repair & maintain stormwater detention basin

Mr. Montgomery reviewed the correspondence dated May 2, 2012 from Mr. Victor Benni, Professional Engineer. The Commission and Planning Staff discussed the existing condition of the basin. The Commission determined that an application with a proposed plan to repair the basin should be submitted.

The Commission had a lengthy discussion and the following motion was made.

Mr. Annes made the motion to table this item until the June 6, 2012. The N.O.V. will remain in effect pending the receipt of an application at the June 6, 2012 meeting for the permanent repair of the basin. Mr. Milazzo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed with Mr. Vocelli the lack of maintenance and the possible design flaws causing the basin to fail.

d. N.O.V. 777 Gaylord Mt. Road-unauthorized earthwork in or near regulated areas

Mr. Montgomery reviewed the correspondence dated May 2, 2012 from Mr. Bernard Pellegrino. The Commission and Planning Staff had a lengthy discussion to determine the need for an engineered remediation plan and imposing fines if one is not submitted by the June 6, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Milazzo made the motion to table the N.O.V. until the June 6, 2012 meeting without penalty at this time, based upon the representation by Mr. Pellegrino that a wetlands application shall be filed prior to the June 6, 2012 meeting. However, the Commission reserves the right at its discretion to impose retroactive fines to a date chosen by the Commission at its discretion. Ms. Lakin seconded the motion.

Mr. Shadle asked Mr. Vocelli to visit the site to get an update on the condition of the property. Mr. Vocelli advised the Commission that he could contact Mr. Pellegrino to see if permission would be granted for him to visit the site, or he could wait to see if engineering access is granted.

Mr. Shadle, Mr. Anastasio, Mr. Milazzo, Mr. Stone, Ms. Lakin, Mr. Gnida and Mr. Brand voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Annes voted against the motion. The motion passed 7-1-0.

2. Review Site Inspection Schedule

There are none

3. Review of April 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Montgomery asked that on page 2, last 2 sentences be amended to read: Mr. Montgomery said the plan is to have filter fabric cover over the gravel, and he asked how a six inch pipe with many small holes covered with one inch thick stone will provide detention. Mr. Montgomery reviewed the Town Engineer comments that the soil and mulch should be added. He also asked that on page 3 last paragraph should read: Mr. Montgomery said that the question is what should be incorporated for the detention, the retention and bio-remediation of the property. He said if stone is put across the bottom of the basin with 18 inches of soil on top it would create the proper bio-remediation, but he was not able to do the calculations to determine if the capacity of the basins after soil would be satisfactory. The ferocity of the water drainage must be determined and he would like to see the specifications of the filter fabric added to the proposed plan. Mr. Van Nes further discussed what would be needed to have the proper drainage and they discussed the planting plan.

Mr. Anastasio made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2012 as amended. Mr. Annes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Business

Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Lakin said that the Earth Day booth was a success. Mr. Montgomery reviewed the work being done by the RWA on Waite Street.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Lakin and seconded by Mr. Brand. It passed with no dissenting votes. The meeting ended at 7.54 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Stacy Shellard, Clerk of the Commission