

**Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting – Draft Minutes
April 3, 2014**

Chairman Lee Reichart called the Inland Wetlands meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members in attendance were: Dr. Alisa Morrison, Raul Ferreira, Nat Trumbull, Jon Mitchell, Amanda Lindberg, & Deborah Downie. Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer Candace Palmer was also present. Absent: Nick Salerno.

There was no correspondence or public comment.

New Business:

IW #14-04MOD Tom Buxton – TFB3 LLC – Modification to increase storm drainage discharge from previously approved 16.8 cfs (Q25) to 22.0 cfs (Q25) to allow future developed storm run-off interconnect into the previously approved system. Property located 100 & 102 So. Broad St., Pawcatuck. Assessor's Map 25 Block 1 Lots 5 & 6; Zone LS-5 & RR-80.

The site walk was scheduled for 5/3/14.

Old Business:

IW #14-02 Riverbend Builders LLC – Seeking a permit for selective clearing of understory vegetation within the wetland and upland review area. Property located at 19 & 23 Pequotsepos Center Rd., Mystic. Assessor's Map 150 Block 1 Lots 5 & 6; Zone RA-40.

Staff stated there were many pieces of correspondence sent to the town on this matter. One letter requested that it be read aloud at this meeting.

Pierce Hall, developer, and soil scientist George Logan were present and gave information on the history of action already taken on this property, as well as soil findings. Mr. Hall shared his understanding of past conversations with the town staff and said he was following through with site plans that were previously approved prior to him being the developer. He feels they did a good job putting the silt fence in place. He has had conversations with neighbors, sharing plans for the site. He said they are trying to improve drainage on the site.

Mr. Logan submitted his findings in a report to the town earlier; however, he shared some very recent photos from his camera of the site. He stated the 'pond' area is a seasonally fluctuating water system with robust organic, nutrient rich material. He said the boulder wall is stable; they did a good job on the French drainage system and he didn't see any deviation from the approved plans with the exception of expanding the boulder wall. His stated the clearing that has been done has not harmed or diminished the quality or functionality of these wetland. There is already regeneration of vegetation happening. The commission asked a few questions to clarify.

Mr. Mitchell moved to deny the application. This motion was withdrawn. Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the application. Mr. Trumbull seconded. The commission discussed the reasons to deny the application and the idea of adding a stipulation to approve the application. Mr. Mitchell then moved to amend his motion to approve the application by adding 1 stipulation: "to allow an additional clearing of approximately 10 feet as indicated on the site plan." Mr. Ferreira seconded. The commission voted 4-2 to deny the application. Mr. Mitchell stated that he felt there was already an approved permit for the sites and what the previous Commission approved is what should be allowed, he saw no reason to change the previous approval. Roll Call: Mr. Ferreira-deny, Mr. Mitchell-deny, Ms. Lindberg-deny, Mr. Trumbull-deny, Dr. Morrison-approve, Mr. Reichart-approve.

Ms. Palmer recommended allowing the natural vegetation to grow back on its own. She stated she will go out to the site with Mr. Hall to measure out the demarcation line to comply with the previously approved site plan.

Review of Outstanding Minutes: Dr. Morrison moved to approve the 3/6/14 and 3/29/14 minutes. Mr. Ferreira seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Adjournment: Dr. Morrison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lindberg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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