Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
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March 3, 2016

Seated for the meeting were Alisa Morrison (Acting Chairperson), Nick Salerno, Raul Ferreira, Dennis Unites, and Deborah Downie. Also present was Candace Palmer, WEO.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Correspondence: Letter from the Climate Change Task Force

Old Business
IW #16-02 JBRV, LLC – Seeking a permit to relocate existing driveway within the uplands review area. Property located at 72 Jerry Browne Rd. Mystic, CT 06355 Assessor's Map 164 Block 2 Lot 3; Zone GC-60.

Sergio Cherenzia, project engineer presented the site plan. The applicant is proposing to relocate the customer entrance for traffic flow and safety. There will be a pipe installed under the driveway to allow water from the wetland to flow when it fills with storm water. The existing drive will be partially incorporated into additional parking while the entry area will be planted with grass.

Don Fortunato, soil scientist reviewed the wetlands. There is a small pocket of wetland adjacent to Jerry Browne Road. Ms. Morrison asked whether it is used for storm water management. Mr. Cherenzia explained it catches a small amount of runoff but has no pipes and is not relied on. Mr. Unites raised concern over the additional paved surface.

Ms. Downie moved to approve the application with two stipulations:

1. Staff shall be notified prior to the start of construction to inspect sediment and erosion control measurements.
2. Wetlands grass mix shall be added to the opposite side of the driveway.

Seconded by Mr. Ferreira, motion approved. Roll call: Alisa Morrison-approve, Nick Salerno-approve, Raul Ferreira-approve, Dennis Unites-abstain, Deborah Downie-approve.

IW#16-01 Elizabeth Jenny Brummund – Seeking a permit for construction of a single family residence, driveway, utilities and associated grading within the uplands review area. Property located on River Rd., Pawcatuck, CT. Assessor's Map 6 Block 2 Lot 6; Zone RA-15.

Arthur Hayward, preparer of the survey and site plan presented the plan. The applicant is in need of an ADA compliant home. The property is in a flood zone. The proposed location of the house gives the least amount of impact to the wetland and will require less grading. There will not be fill brought in. They will use city water and sewer.

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Correspondence against the proposal was submitted by neighbor, Melissa Main. Mr. Hayward stated that all of the concerns in the complaint were zoning regulations not wetlands.
Don Fortunato, soil scientist summarized the wetland area. There will not be any fill and highland blueberry shrubs will be planted along the edge and may encourage some wildlife. There will not be any disturbance to the wetlands. Mr. Fortunato spoke about the quality of the soil.

Ms. Downie moved to approve the application with one stipulation:

1. Staff shall be notified prior to the start of construction to inspect sediment and erosion control measurements.

Seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Regulations/Discussions:
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center – Flight Cage

The Nature Center is proposing to build new flight enclosures that will be bolted to the rock ledge and will not affect the soil.

Ms. Downie moved that the enclosures will not need a permit so as long as the soil is not disturbed. Seconded by Mr. Ferreira, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Minutes:
Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 regular meeting and the February 27, 2016 sitewalk, seconded by Mr. Salerno, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Ms. Downie moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.