

Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
Final Minutes
July 5, 2018
Stonington Police Station, 173 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT

Seated for the meeting were Lee Reichert, Raul Ferreira, Michael Finiguerra, Nick Salerno, and Dennis Unites. Also, in attendance Candace Palmer, WEO.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

IW #18-06 Agnes Pettini (Gregg Fedus, Agent) – Seeking a permit for construction of a single family residence, driveway, septic system and associated activity within the upland review area. Property located on Elm St./Woodland Ave., Stonington. Assessor’s Map 79 Block 6 Lot 14, Zone RM-20.

The site walk was scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Old Business:

IW #18-03-Stonington Cemetery Association (Lynn Callahan, Agent) - Seeking a permit to grade, fill and remove impacted trees in the upland review area. Property located on 345 North Main Street, Stonington. Assessor’s Map 80 Block 2 Lot 1, Zone RR-80.

Don Steinhoff board member of the Stonington Cemetery Association presented the application. The applicant is proposing some slight excavation and fill to allow for additional burial plots and areas for cremation remain internments. Full burials are not being chosen as much anymore and they would like to provide more space for cremation remains. Lynn Callahan stated that they do not currently use fertilizer on site and plan to abide by any stipulations on that matter.

Mr. Finiguerra moved to approve the application with stipulations recommended by staff:

1. Reinforce silt fence with staked haybales between wetland flags WL 24-26.
2. When grading is complete, stabilize soils with an ecological seed mix such as “No Mow” Lawn Seed Mix (available at Prairienursery.com) which does not require lime or fertilizer.
3. Maximize the protection of trees at the limit of disturbance (LOD). Use orange construction fencing or equivalent. Adjust grading to protect trees to the extent feasible

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

IW #18-04 Brent & Melissa Marr - Seeking a permit for construction of a 750 sq. ft. addition to a single family residence in the upland review area. Property located on 30 Deans Mill Rd., Stonington. Assessor’s Map 124 Block 1 Lot 6, Zone RR -80/RA-40 Applies.

Brent Marr presented the application. They are proposing an addition to the rear of their home which falls within the 100-foot upland review area. Mr. Finiguerra clarified that the area is currently grassed and level and the gutters will be standard.

Mr. Salerno moved to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Public Hearing:

IW #18-05 Kevin & Melissa Breault (Michael Scanlon, Agent) - Seeking a permit for a re-subdivision creating one additional new single family residential lot with 6.45 cubic yards of fill for a wetland crossing and driveway located in the upland review area. Property located on 731 New London Turnpike, Stonington. Assessor's Map 89 Block 1 Lot 1B, Zone RR-80.

Ms. Palmer stated that the Town Engineer has reviewed the application and has no issues. Paul Biscuti presented the application. The applicant is proposing a subdivision for a new lot with a wetland crossing. Fill will be needed for the driveway to cross the wetland area near the road. James Cowen soil scientist has confirmed there is no adverse impact to the wetlands. Mr. Biscuti reviewed possible changes that may arise but they are minor and would not impact the wetlands. The crossing was originally approved in 1985 with the first subdivision application, they since had a lot line adjustment but are looking to subdivide again.

No public comment.

Mr. Reichert closed the public hearing.

Mr. Unites moved to approve the application with stipulations recommended by staff:

1. Staff shall be notified prior to the start of construction to inspect sediment/erosion control measurements.
2. Crossing soils are to be stabilized with "No Mow" Lawn Seed Mix or its equivalent.
3. If the proposed development deviates from the approved plans resulting in closer proximity to the wetlands, the lot will need to come back to the Commission for a new wetlands approval.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Mr. Finiguerra moved to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2018 meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 5-0, motion approved.

Mr. Unites moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Salerno, all in favor 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Alisa Morrison, Vice-Chairman