

**Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
Final Minutes
October 5, 2017**

Seated for the meeting were Lee Reichert, Raul Ferreira, Dennis Unites, and Deborah Downie.

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

New Business:

IW #17-07 Town of Stonington (CLA Engineers, Inc. – Agent) - Seeking a permit to improve surface water drainage on Hewitt Road. Activity in the wetlands and upland review area. Property located the entire length of Hewitt Road, Mystic. Assessor's Map N/A Block N/A Lot N/A, Zone RA-20/RC-120.

Accepted and scheduled for site walk on October 28, 2017 and heard at the next meeting on November 2, 2017.

IW #17-08 Lattizori Development, LLC/David Lattizori (Richter & Cegan, Inc./Michael Cegan-Agent) – Seeking a permit for a residential apartment building, access roads, storm drainage facilities, utilities and associated landscaping. Filling and activity in the wetlands and the upland review area. Property located on 189 Jerry Browne Road, Mystic. Assessor's Map 134 Block 2 Lots A-B & G; Map 134 Block 3 Lots A, 2, 2A-2F & 2H-2N and Map 150 Block 2 Lots A-B, 1 & 1A-1W, Zone GDD.

Accepted and scheduled for site walk on October 28, 2017 and Public Hearing on November 2, 2017.

Public Hearing:

IW #17-06 Town of Stonington (Matthew Sanford, Milone & Macbroom, Inc., Agent) - Seeking a permit for replacement of North Stonington Road Bridge over Whitford Brook, with activity and filling in the wetlands and upland review area. Property located on North Stonington Road, Old Mystic. Assessor's Map N/A Block N/A Lot N/A, Zone GBR-130.

Gary Nash of Milone and Macbroom presented an overview of the project. The bridge crosses over Whitford Brook connecting Groton and Stonington. The bridge was degrading and was extensively damaged during the flooding in 2010 and now requires a full bridge replacement. The bridge is considered an important transportation connection for emergency services. The engineers considered multiple alternatives for the replacement and decided on building new abutments next to the existing abutments and constructing the new bridge over them. The new bridge will be slightly wider and longer than the previous bridge. They plan to install erosion and sedimentation controls, remove current beams, construct new abutments and pilings, partially remove the old abutments, attach the superstructure and finally reconstruct the roadway.

Megan Raymond, wetlands and soil scientist, discussed the wetlands on site. The only source is the brook itself, there are no adjacent wetlands. There will only be a temporary impact on the

brook during construction with no lasting impact on the stream. Upon completion of the project there will not be an impact on the wetlands.

Ms. Downie questioned whether Groton has approved the project, the applicant will be meeting with them Tuesday for a decision. Mr. Unites asked whether this will increase the size of the flow. Mr. Nash explained that with the placement of the new abutments, they are slightly increasing the area. It will be able to handle a two-year storm. Ms. Downie confirmed that the Town Engineer is in support of the project.

General Comment:

Nancy Evans, adjacent property owner has supported the Whitford Brook and its watershed for many years. She raised concern regarding the replacement of the 184 bridge and its impacts on the flow and water levels of the river. She is in favor of the bridge replacement but has concerns with how it may impact the brook. Specifically, she is concerned with the rip rap and the four-foot abutments. John Evans further explained the flooding happening on their property.

Rebuttal:

Mr. Nash explained the four-foot abutments and their support for the bridge. The rip rap is also chosen by federal standards to best suit the flow of the watercourse. Mr. Nash further explained the open rail system.

Mr. Reichert closed the public hearing.

Mr. Unites moved to approve the application with one stipulation,

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

Seconded by Mr. Ferreira, all in favor 4-0, motion approved.

Regulations and Discussions:

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Mr. Ferreira moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 4-0, motion approved.

Minutes:

Mr. Ferreira moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2017 and September 30, 2017 meetings, seconded by Mr. Unites, the vote was taken 3-0-1, motion approved.

Roll call: Ferreira – approve, Reichert – approve, Unites – approve, Downie - abstain

Mr. Ferreira moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.



Lee Reichart, Chairman