

# **UNAPPROVED**

## **Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - SPECIAL Public Meeting, October 17, 2012**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday October 17, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present:

Louis Sanzaro, Chairman  
Brent M. Owen, Vice Chairman  
Joe Hart  
Robert Cobb  
Mathew Zagaja

Also Present:

Don Moisa, IWWC Agent

Four (4) persons in the audience

Chairman Sanzaro opened the meeting at 5:02p.m.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

No comments.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Application No. 628-12 The Art Institute of Connecticut, LLC Land of 100 Great Meadow Rd. Associate, 100 Great Meadow Rd. Parcel No.286-001**  
**Application for an elevator addition exterior to the existing building footprint and additional dumpsters within a regulated area.**

Kevin Johnson of Close Jensen & Miller represented the applicant.

Mr. Johnson explained the orientation of the site.

Mr. Johnson explained that the owners of Putnam Park have the Art Institute as tenant which require an elevator independent of the elevator in the existing building.

Architecturally and structurally it has been determined that an elevator needs to be located on the south side of the building exterior, requiring fill within the 100Yr flood Zone.

In addition the Art Institute requires their own dumpster independent of the Putnam Park dumpster.

In a previously approved application associated with the indoor restaurant a dumpster and compactor were proposed on the north side of the building.

They would like to delete this dumpster and the raised island from the previous application from a year ago and move the dumpster and compactor and place it with the new Art Institute dumpster on the North side of the parking area.

This would also represent fill within the 100Yr. Flood Zone.

Collectively between the elevator and dumpster there is a fill of 26.8 Cu. Yds. within the 100 Yr. Flood Zone.

In the previously approved application for the outdoor dining they created an excess of 67.8 Cu. Yds. of flood storage.

The net result will be an excess of 41.05 Cu. Yd. of flood storage.

The plan shows haybale erosion control around the elevator and dumpster areas.

Commissioners questioned if the restaurant was still going forward.

Mr. Johnson expected the restaurant would be done in the spring.

Motion by Commissioner Hart to Approve the application as a Summary Ruling, seconded by Commissioner Owen.

All voted in favor.

Motion passed.

**Application No. 629-12 The Metropolitan District (MDC) at various locations**  
**Application for sewer system maintenance; including pipeline cleaning and lining, sewer manhole rehabilitation, tree cutting.**

Michael Mancini, MDC Director of Engineering & Construction  
Dinesh Patel, MDC Staff Engineer  
Katelyn Biedron, CDMSmith  
Dwight Dunk, CDMSmith

Presented the application.

Mr. Mancini described the project as part of the Clean Water Project as required by the Federal EPA and a State of Connecticut DEEP consent order.

Mr. Mancini explained that the MDC pipes cannot handle the additional water that gets into the MDC sewer system when it rains.

The MDC needs to improve their system, which requires them to remove the clearwater or stormwater that is getting into their system.

Mr. Mancini outlined on going MDC projects in Town.

Ms. Biedron described the work as trenchless rehabilitation work consisting of pipe lining, manhole lining and manhole cover replacement.

To get access to some manholes with a truck may require some tree cutting within the MDC easements.

The MDC is working to get access agreements from property owners to limit points of access and disturbance.

There are seven locations where there is anticipated tree clearing:

1. RH-1 Old MainSt. To I-91
2. RH-3 Cheston Circle parallel to Randy La.
3. RH-3 Prospect St. to Ox Yoke Dr.
4. RH-4B Old Reservoir Rd.
5. RH-5A Wells Rd. to Glenwood Dr.
6. RH-5A Prospect St. to Golf Course
7. RH-5B Easement off of Crest. St

Mr. Dunk explained the need for clearing for small trucks to have access to the manholes for the trenchless rehabilitation work.

The vegetation would be cut off at grade, roots to remain in place, there would not be any grubbing.

Disturbed areas would be raked smooth and replanted with a soil stabilization seed mix or a wetlands seed mix where needed.

Prior to work occurring the MDC easement would be staked so the contractor would know to stay within the 20' easement.

Commissioners questioned the amount/size of tree cutting, and the disposal of the material.

Ms. Biedron and Mr. Dunk explained that there should not be much actual tree cutting, only enough to allow the contractor to be able to get to the manholes.

Some of the older easements would probably need some tree clearing or if a large tree was centered in the easement.

Brush and slash would be left in place.

Mr. Mancini outlined the historic pipe laying process and materials.

Mr. Mancini explained the method of relining pipes by pulling a felt polymer type sock through the existing pipe and applying hot water or steam, causing a chemical reaction that becomes a hard pvc pipe that takes the shape of the host pipe.

Pipe lining is a positive method in a regulated area such as wetlands because it does not involve any digging.

The contractor is required to clean the pipes before pulling the liner through.

If any collapsed or damaged sections within regulated areas require excavation they would come back before the Commission for a permit.

Motion by Commissioner Hart to Approve the application as a Summary Ruling, seconded by Commissioner Zagaja

All voted in favor.

Motion passed.

**Application No. 630-12 E/S Town of Wethersfield, Cloverdale Pond Parcel No. 187-036.**  
**Application for repair/replacement of deteriorated/undersized concrete spillway; and removal of accumulated pond sediment to restore water depths.**

Fred Clark, PE from Luchs outlined the project.

They would like to replace and enlarge the existing spillway from 16' to 24' wide and an average height of 2'.

At the same time the pond will be de-watered they would like to remove the sediment and restore water depth.

The parcel is .90Ac. of Town Open Space: 0.30Ac. is pond ,watercourse or wetlands.

Soil Scientist Richard Snarski delineated the inland wetlands around the pond.

During construction the inland wetlands soils will be removed and stockpiled on site, to be reused on site.

There will not be any change in the pond water elevation and the spillway is designed for a 100Yr. storm.

Mr. Clark indicated that they would also be making application to DEEP for the spillway and the sediment removal although due to the small size it might be questionable if DEEP would have jurisdiction.

Commissioners questioned the necessity of the project, time frame, and type of equipment to be used.

Mr. Clark explained that the existing spillway was substantially decayed & cracked, with erosion occurring around the cheek walls. The new spillway would eliminate the erosion potential.

The project is a fairly small project, (45-60 days) and could be done in early spring or fall with a large backhoe.

Commissioners questioned if the new spillway would lessen the downstream flooding over of Fox Hill Rd. that occurs during heavy rain and that the original purpose of the pond was for detention.

Mr. Clark explained that they are not putting any more flow into the stream or taking any flow out of the stream.

The spill way and pond are not designed or functioning as a detention basin.

Motion by Commissioner Zagaja to Approve the application as a Summary Ruling, seconded by Commissioner Cobb  
All voted in favor.

Motion passed.

The Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan was Certified.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes- August 15, 2012 Special Meeting  
(LS,BO,SD,LB,JH,MC,JH,RC,MZ)  
Motion by Commissioner Zagaja seconded by Commissioner Owen to Approve the minutes as presented.  
All Commissioners present at the meeting voted in favor. Motion passed.
  
2. Correspondence (No Action Required)
  - a. Town of Newington notification of receipt of an Inland Wetlands application 48 lot subdivision on Russell Rd.
  - b. CACIWC invitation to Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference
  - c. "Pollution Prevention View" (DEEP newsletter)
  - d. "Sound Outlook" (DEEP newsletter )
  - e. Connecticut Invasive Plant Symposium
  - f. Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program Segment 3 flyer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sanzaro adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

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Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Date