

**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission**  
**January 16, 2008**  
**Public Hearing/Public Meeting**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room, Wethersfield Police Department, 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

**Members Present:**

Antonio L. Margiotta, Chairman  
Lawrence F. Buck  
David A. Forrest  
Frank H. Morris  
Brent M. Owen

**Also Present:**

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Margiotta opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** (Seven (7) persons in the audience)

Jim Woodworth, President of the Great Meadows Conservation Trust asking for the Commission to support the membership of the Town of Wethersfield in the North Central Conservation District. The annual membership fee for the Town of Wethersfield would be approximately \$1,200 according to Director David Askew. The Conservation districts are non-profit agencies that provide environmental services, including "independent review" of applications before a local Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. For the last 5 or 6 years, the Town of Wethersfield has not paid their annual membership. Services included in the annual membership are reviews of applications before the commission by well qualified environmental scientists experienced in dealing with applications throughout the thirty town districts.

Mr. Woodworth asked for the Commission's support in requesting the Wetlands Agent regularly seek "independent review" from the NCCD whenever you are considering an application that has significant potential impact on the environment of Wethersfield. It would be reasonable to develop and adopt a classification system for applications as some other towns have done, with criteria for "significant potential impact" that would automatically trigger independent review.

Mr. Woodworth asked that the Commission adopt a regulation that would require the applicant to pay for additional review if the Commission deemed it necessary.

Mr. Woodworth addressed the issue of the Phoenix Medical LLC application for an addition to the medical building on the Silas Deane Highway. While Mr. Woodworth was not present at the meetings or the Public Hearing when the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission heard the application, a reading of the minutes of these meetings suggests that the commission ignored former Chairman Fred Clark's request for independent review of the application, as well as his request for comment by the Conservation Commission. A reading of the minutes reveals no discussion of the details of mitigation for the filling in the flood storage area, no discussion of potential wetlands values of nutrient removal/ retention/transformation; sediment/toxicant/pathogen retention; or production export.

Mr. Woodworth asked the Commission for their support by taking action on his suggestions.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Application No. 559-07 Town of Wethersfield**

Application for change/update of the Town of Wethersfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent read the Legal Notice.

After discussion amongst the Commissioners, the Public Hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Owen, to close the public hearing. All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Motion by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Buck to move Application No. 559-07 Town of Wethersfield to the end of the Public Meeting.

All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Application No. 560-08, Giuseppe Buonannata, 15 Middletown Ave., Parcel No. 243-002**

Application for fence construction within 100 yr. Flood Zone.

Applicant, Giuseppe Buonannata personally appeared before the Commission.

The applicant met with the Wethersfield Historic District Commission regarding the installation of a wooden picket fence. The application was approved for the applicant to install wooden fencing not vinyl as recommended by the applicant.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve the application. All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Application No. 561-08 E/S, Capitol Region EDUC Council, 123 Progress Drive, Parcel No. 033-019**

Application for Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan Certification.

Steve Dewey of Quisenberry Arcari Architects, LLC represented the applicant and outlined the application. Mr. Dewey informed the Commission that he met with Michael Turner, Town Engineer regarding the application.

Commissioners questioned the wetlands area and site grading plan which will need to be fully developed.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Forrest to table the application. All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Application No. 562-08 Town of Wethersfield, Heritage Way Bike Trail, Folly Brook Blvd. West of high school athletic fields**

Application for replacement of existing pipe crossing with new box culvert.

Motion by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve the application. All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

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Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent represented the applicant.

After discussion amongst Commissioners, a motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Forrest to approve the application. All Commissioners present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Buck and Commissioner Owen suggested that the Town join the North Central Conservation District at a cost of \$1,200. and then review this at its scheduled meeting in February.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes - [December 12, 2007 Meeting](#) (TM,DA,DF,GC,BO,LB,JH)

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Forrest to approve the December 12, 2007 minutes. All present voted in favor. Motion passed.

2. Correspondence (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

- a. "CFL News" newsletter
- b. Flyer and letter from Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. for environmental review teams.
- c. Letter from Bonnie Therrien to US Army Corps of Engineers re: Phoenix Medical, 1260 Silas Deane Highway
- d. Listing of Winter Nature Walks Co-Sponsored by Great Meadows Conservation Trust, Connecticut Audubon Society and the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center Flyer and letter from Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. for environmental review teams.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Owen to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent