

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
August 16, 2006
Public Hearing/Public Meeting

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room, Wethersfield Police Department, 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present:

Fred Clark, Chairman
Lawrence Buck
George Camarco
Antonio Margiotta
Frank Morris

Also Present:

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

GENERAL COMMENTS (Eleven (11) persons in the audience)

No comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application No. 540-06, Peter Leombruni, 200 Broad St., Parcel No. 263-007 New home construction within a regulated area.

Chairman Fred Clark read the Legal Notice for the record.

Peter Leombruni, applicant and Clint Webb & Robert Russo of Clint Webb & Associates, Soil Scientists were also present.

Mr. Leombruni presented construction plans for the project and outlined the Flood Zone Lines, Wetlands, and water ponding issues and also described the project as being scaled down from that, which was originally submitted by eliminating the garage.

Clint Webb Environmental Scientist/Wetland Ecologist with C.Webb & Associates presented his resume along with Photos of the site and an Environmental Review Report.

Mr. Webb described the criteria of Wetlands Functions and described the site as mostly lawn and pasture area with little or no wetlands functions

Commissioners questioned moving the house further to the southwest, and discussed with the applicant Historic District recommendations, possible mitigation by excavating a portion of the pasture, and elimination of purple loose strife as a means of mitigation.

Orville Powell, 473 Wolcott Hill Road (IN FAVOR) supports the application. Mr. Powell stated that the project would be an asset to the neighborhood. He explained the history of soils maps. He has noticed the small amount of water that has increased over the years.

Luis Ocasio, 220 Broad Street, (AGAINST) adjacent homeowner passed out photographs regarding flooding and

ponding issues on his property. Mr. Ocasio said that the town wetland maps are not trustworthy. Mr. Ocasio addressed the Commission and stated that the storm water stays on his property and that he is strongly opposed to any more runoff on his property.

Maria Ocasio, 220 Broad St., (AGAINST) adjacent homeowner does not support the application.

Commissioner Buck motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Margiotta @ 9:20 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

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A general discussion of the project by all Commissioners took place. Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Morris to table the application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Application No.541-06 Stella Manousos 41 Victory Lane, Parcel 002-002 Request to remove downed branches and trees within a regulated area.

Applicant was not present due to medical reasons. Application and letter received by the Commission from Bruce Graver of Graver's Tree Care of Wethersfield, CT was read by Chairman Clark.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Camarco to approve the application under a SUMMARY RULING. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Application No. 542-06 ES, Hometown Developers LLC, 91 Nott Street Parcel 209-009 Construction of 21 unit residential housing development within a regulated area. Also seeking erosion and sediment control plan certification.

Dan D'Addeo and Mark Trahan of Advance Realty LLC and Dave Pickett of Close, Jensen & Miller, PC represented the applicant.

Mark Trahan gave an overview description of the project.

Mr. Pickett presented plans and explained the project in more detail describing the Flood Zone , Wetlands and Soil Erosion control at the site.

Commissioners expressed concern and requested clarification on the vertical datum used on the site plans and determination of the Flood Zone.

In addition the commissioners suggested combination hay bale/silt fence erosion control, correction of contours adjacent to the retaining wall, and erosion control both along the wetlands at the south end of the project and at the toe of the proposed excavation.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Morris to table the application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes - July 19, 2006 (FC,DA,LB,JH,AM,FM,MS)

Tabled - Lack of quorum.

2. Correspondence (NO ACTION REQUIRED)
 - a. Mike Turner letter to David Anderson

- b. "Council on Environmental Quality" 2005 Annual Report a full copy is available in the Town Engineer's Office
- c. DEP Notice of Public Hearing September 13, 2006 re: General Permits Various Water Diversion Activities

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Margiotta to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent