

**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission**  
**Public Hearing/Public Meeting**  
**April 20, 2005**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Hearing/ Public Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present:

Vice Chairman David Ambrose  
Joseph Hallisey  
Frank Morris  
Lawrence Buck  
Louis Sanzaro  
Michael Scenti  
Antonio Margiotta

Also Present:

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

**GENERAL COMMENTS (Nine (9) persons in the audience)**

No comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Application No. 516-05 E/S, Bellsite Development LLC, Property of Roger L. Toffolon Trustee, Folly Brook Blvd., Parcel #121-002** Application for Construction of elderly housing, deposition of material, and removal of materials within a regulated area, also seeking Erosion & Sedimentation Certification.

Vice Chairman Ambrose opened the Public Hearing at 7:33 pm

Commissioner Buck read into the record the Legal Notice of Public Hearing.

Robert J. Arsenault, P.E. representing Civil Engineering Services presented plans revised to 3-24-05 for 12 unit elderly housing construction to be located on the southwest corner of Spruce Street and Folly Brook Boulevard.

Recommendations from the March meeting have been incorporated into the revised plans

The entire site is 11.5 Acres on both sides of Folly Brook located entirely within the 100Yr. Flood Zone.

Wetlands on the easterly side of the brook where the development is to take place is 2.5 Acres and consists of 2 drainage ditches and a depressed area.

Soil Scientist Michael F. Gragnolati mapped the wetlands on the entire site and has submitted a report.

Proposed removal of material on the west side of the project is to balance the cuts and fills on the east side of the project.

To try to increase the net wetlands the applicant is proposing using a conservation seed mix in the excavated upland area to try to encourage the creation of wetlands.

The applicant has gone before the Planning and Zoning Commission's preliminary Design Review Advisory

Committee.

The Design Review Committee recommended that the applicant provide a restrictive easement for the remaining wetland area included in the site as to avoid future development activity, and also request permission from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to clean out the scrubby growth and sediment accumulated in the Brook channel.

Mrs. Judy Libby of 165 Ridge Road spoke and asked the Commission to be sure to do the project correctly.

Mr. Tom Nowak of 34 Carson Ave. who is familiar with the area from farming and grazing animals on the property spoke in favor of cleaning the Brook but spoke against the western area of excavation. Mr. Nowak provided a copy of a 1965 aerial photograph for the Commission to view.

Mr. John Ferguson of 39 Spruce St. spoke and questioned the nearby gas main within the Folly Brook R.O.W.

Commissioners questioned snow removal and placement, quantities of wetlands disturbance/flood storage, and proposed floor elevations.

Motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Buck to continue the Public Hearing to May 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

All commissioners voted in favor. Motion passed.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Application No. 517-05E/S, Town of Wethersfield, Charles Wright School, 186 Nott St., Parcel #170-070**

Application for Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan Certification for parking lot reconstruction and enlargement.

Mr. Moisa presented plans for the reconstruction of the Charles Wright Parking Lot seeking Erosion & Sedimentation Plan Certification.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, Seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to Certify the Erosion and Sedimentation Plan .

All voted in favor. Motion Passed.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes - December 15, 2004 (FC,DA,LB,LS,FM,MS,JS,WR)

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Sanzaro to approve [the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting](#). All voted in favor of those present at the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2005 (FC, AM, FM, WR, MS, LS)

Motion by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Scenti to approve [the minutes of the February 16, 2005 meeting](#). All voted in favor of those present at the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes - March 16,2005 (LB,JH,FM,WR,LS).

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to approve [the minutes of the March 16, 2005 meeting](#). All voted in favor of those present at the meeting.

4. Correspondence (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

- a. Report from DEP on the Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program: 2001 Summary Report. A complete copy is available in the Engineering Dept office

- b. "New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society" Annual Meeting flyer
- c. New England Wetlands Plants, Inc. catalog. A complete copy is available in the Engineering Dept. office
- d. Lycott Environmental, Inc. newsletter/advertisement
- e. The Connecticut Environmental Review Teams flyer
- f. DEP State Parks and Field Services Drainage Maintenance Plan. A complete copy is available in the Engineering Dept. office.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed. Vice Chairman Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Donald Moisa, Wetlands Agent