

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Public Meeting
May 19, 2004

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2004 in the Town Council Chambers, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present: Fred Clark, Chairman
David Ambrose, Vice Chairman
Lawrence Buck
Joseph Hallisey
Antonio Margiotta
Frank Morris
Bill Randazzo
Louis Sanzaro
Paul Woodworth

Also Present: Donald Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

GENERAL COMMENTS (Fourteen (14) persons in audience)

Mary Dobruck, 689 Folly Brook Blvd., had comments on two issues with respect to proposed changes to Cottone Field. She respectfully request that the Commission be reminded of the following issues:

1. Drainage changes have been tried at least on two other occasions. On of the renovation projects Bill Dest reviewed what was going on and felt that the drainage work proposed on the project was not being done correctly. Mrs. Dobruck stated to the Commission that before signing off on this project the Commission must take the responsibility to ensure that the drainage measurements proposed on this project actually will work especially given the now 1.4 million dollar price tag for the main and practice fields. She also stated that if the town is going to spend 1.4 million dollars that she wants it done correctly. The town has a fidiciary responsibility to make sure that the drainage on this project will work properly.

Mrs. Dobruck discussed her sewage problems and how the new drainage could affect her home and other homes on their street making the situation worse. She asked for the Commission to have the MDC check water flows between Eagle Drive and Church Street and between Church and Nott Streets comparing rainy days to dry days. She also stated that she has lived in her residence for twenty years and has seen where changes made on the field and other areas have impacted from the sewer system or from surface water areas.

Mrs. Dobruck stated that the Commission and the Town must be on notice that the town will bear the financial responsibility for any negative impact on her property and/or her neighbor's properties.

2. Mrs. Dobruck other concerns involved the culvert that the town created at the end of Eagle Drive and Folly Brook Boulevard. Due to the culvert that was built, her yard as wells as her neighbors bear the brunt of water overflow.

Mrs. Dobruck thanked the Commission for their time.

Ronald Rodd, 88 Westway presented today to Don Moisa a petition #96-25 dated May 19, 2004 from residents on the west side requesting a public hearing on the Cottone Field. .

PUBLIC MEETING

Application No. 506-04, Karen Cusano, 96 Clearfield Rd. Application to construct an 11' X 17' wood deck in a regulated area.

The applicant represented herself. She stated that there is an existing cement patio and she would like to construct a deck over the patio. Commissioner Ambrose questioned if the if the patio can be removed from the existing location. Mrs. Cusano stated that she just wants to build a deck over the cement patio which would not be removed.

Motion by Commissioner Ambrose, seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to APPROVE the application under a SUMMARY RULING. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Application No. 507-04 ES, Town of Wethersfield, 411 Wolcott Hill Road (Cottone Field). Application to reconstruct the existing football field at the High School to mitigate poor field drainage. Also seeking erosion and sediment control plan certification.

Corey Garro of Close, Jensen & Miller represented the applicant. Mr. Garro explained that the project consists of reconstructing the existing field and adjacent practice field to mitigate the poor surface drainage conditions. The project does not involve any disturbance to regulated area wetlands or flood plains. The town is only seeking an erosion and sediment control plan certification due to the non-regulated area.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to APPROVE the application under a DECLARATORY RULING. The Commission determined that there is no regulatory jurisdiction.

Commissioner Woodworth and Commissioner Margiotta opposed.

Vote was 7 in favor 2 opposed. Motion carried.

After much discussion by the Commission, motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Randazzo to CERTIFY the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. The Commission Vote was 8 in favor, Commissioner Woodworth abstained. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes April 21, 2004 (DA, LB, JH, AM, TG, MS, LS)

Motion by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to approve the [minutes of the April 21, 2004 meeting](#). All voted in favor of those present at the meeting.

2. Discussion of proposed changes to Zoning Regulations

A detailed report was provided to the Commission regarding changes to zoning regulations. Chairman Clark indicated that there would be a Public Hearing in June regarding the changes.

3. Correspondence (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

- a. Copy of letter from Attorney Margaret Rattigan regarding Cottone Field.
- b. Copy of "The Habitat" newsletter.
- c. Memo of Declaratory Ruling for JLM Properties, Luis Ocasio, 226-228 Broad Street.
- d. Copy of an Editorial from the May 2, 2004 Hartford Courant
- e. Copy of the title page of DEP report "Statewide Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Reporting Program". The complete report is available thru the Engineering office.
- f. Copy of the title page of DEP report on "Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program". The complete report is available thr the Engineering Office.

Chairman Clark informed the commission that an informational training/orientation session with Town Attorney, John

Bradley will be rescheduled for June 16, 2004 just prior to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Hallisey to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed. Chairman Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Don Moisa,
Wetlands Agent