

**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - Public Hearing/Public Meeting,
July 16, 2014**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Hearing/ Public Meeting on Wednesday July 16, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present: Lou Sanzaro, Chairman
Brent Owen, Vice Chairman
David Herold
Shanelle Dattilo
Matthew Zagaja
David Ambrose
Lawrence Buck

Also Present: Don Moisa, IWWC Agent

4 Persons in Audience

Chairman Sanzaro opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Don Moisa read the Legal notice which appeared in the Hartford Courant on 7/3/14 and 7/13/14.

The following items of correspondence were also read for the record:

1. July 10, 2014 memo from Michael Turner, Town Engineer to Don Moisa and Peter Gillespie.
2. July 16, 2014 memo from Michael Turner, Town Engineer to Don Moisa and Peter Gillespie.
3. July 16, 2014 email from Maryann Drennen, Parish Administrator, Trinity Church
4. Drainage calculations dated 7/14/14 by Hallisey, Pearson & Cassidy.

Application No. 647-14 E/S First School Society, David Kelly President, Parcel # 261-005 Rear of 290 Main St.

Application to upgrade site appearance & stability, and provide additional burial plots within a regulated area.

Also seeking Erosion and Sedimentation control certification.

Paul Hallisey, David Kelly President, Bruce Cutkomp of the First School Society were present.

Paul Hallisey PE, LS of Hallisey Pearson and Cassidy representing the applicant, gave a general overview of the project.

Mr. Hallisey explained that there was a previous Inland Wetlands application on this property in 2006 but the work stopped at the former State of Connecticut Channel encroachment line.

There was also another previous application in 1990 that was approved by the Wetlands Commission to fill the entire wetlands but was rejected by the DEP.

The applicant would like to fill 1,100 C.Y. of Wetlands and 130 C.Y. within the 100 Yr. Flood Zone.

Mr. Hallisey explained that they would be impacting 0.2 Acres of 3.3 Acres wetlands on the site.

They would like to create 350 grave sites and improve and upgrade the appearance of the cemetery.

The Inland Wetlands were flagged by George Logan.

They will not be constructing the proposed access drive as shown on the plans.

They would be saving the existing white walnut trees and planting additional arborvitae buffering along with 15 Viburnum Cranberry bushes in the remaining wetlands.

There is 3.3 Acres of Wetlands on the entire site; erosion would be controlled with silt fence.

Commissioners questioned the length of the proposed 12" HDPE pipe.
Mr. Hallisey agreed to pull back the flared end back to the limit of the fill.

Commissioners questioned what alternatives they had looked at and the number of grave sites lost if they did not fill the wetlands.

Mr. Hallisey explained that in 1990 they looked extensively at various other sites to compensate the filling of the wetlands without success.

The increase in cremation sites would reduce the space needed for burial sites.

By not filling the wetlands they would lose 240 burial sites.

Buy not constructing the access drive they will gain 100 burial sites.

Commissioners questioned any impacts to wildlife.

There would be no impact to wildlife just plant life and the silk dogwood bushes would flourish in the area after the removal of the red maples & cottonwood trees.

Commissioners questioned the proximity to Great Meadow Rd.

Mr. Hallisey explained the work would be 125' more or less back from the road.

Chairman Sanzaro asked for any comments or questions from the public.

There were none.

Chairman Sanzaro closed the Public Hearing @ 8:00 PM.

PUBLIC MEETING

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Commissioners discussed the obligation to protect the wetlands as much as possible but also the need to balance the need of the citizens. There would be less than a 1% impact to the wetlands in the area.

This application was a very balanced impact to a minimally valuable wetlands and provides a necessary service to the community.

Motion by Commissioner Herold, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to approve the application as a Plenary Ruling with the following conditions:

1. The length of the proposed 12" HDPE pipe will be reduced.
2. The applicant will further discuss with Michael Turner the outstanding items from his memo dated July 16, 2014

All voted in favor, motion passed.

Application No. 648-14 Denis Walter, 326 Hartford Ave. Parcel # 218-012
Application to allow a newly installed concrete base for a dock, and a seasonal floating dock within a regulated area.

Denis Walter outlined his proposal for a floating dock.

Mr. Walter would like to be able to launch a boat and not trample the vegetation.

The construction of the concrete base caused about 40.8 S.F. of disturbance about half of which is above ground.

Commissioners questioned who had jurisdiction for the proposed dock.

Mr. Walter explained that the Town of Wethersfield Harbor Management Commission, Historical District Commission, State of Connecticut DEEP, and the Army Corps of Engineers had jurisdiction.

The Harbor Management Commission had already approved the plan as consistent with the Cove plan

Mr. Walter stated that he had been in contact with DEEP and that they had done inspections for endangered species and aquatic vegetation.

Commissioners questioned if any damage from construction had occurred.

Mr. Walter stated that the work had been done on the concrete base in January or February when the ground was frozen.

Motion by Commissioner Herold, seconded by Commissioner Dattilo to approve the application.

All voted in favor.

Motion passed.

Mr. Bruce Cutkomp questioned the Commission if he would have to go to the Commission for the dock he had on Wethersfield Cove since the 1980's.

He would be in to talk Don Moisa at a later date.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. Nomination and Election of a Chairman
Motion by Commissioner Herold seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to elect Commissioner Sanzaro as Chairman
All voted in favor
Motion passed
2. Nomination and Election of a Vice Chairman
Motion by Commissioner Herold seconded by Commissioner Zagaja to elect Commissioner Owen as Vice Chairman.
All voted in favor
Motion passed
3. Authorization of Michael J. Turner and Don Moisa to sign notices of the Commission
Motion by Commissioner Herold seconded by Commissioner Zagaja
All voted in favor
Motion passed
4. Appointment of Don Moisa as Designated Agent of the Commission
Motion by Commissioner Herold seconded by Commissioner Ambrose
All voted in favor
Motion passed

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes- March 25, 2014 Special Meeting
(BO, LB, DH, MZ, JH, RC)

Motion by Commissioner Buck seconded by Commissioner Herold to approve the minutes as presented.
All Commissioners present at the meeting voted in favor. Motion passed

Don Moisa presented a letter from Mr. James D'Errico of 63 Middletown Ave. dated July 14, 2014 to the Commission.

Mr. Moisa explained that this was a follow up letter that Mr. D'Errico had sent to the Commission in May regarding siltation and water flow in Beaver Brook.

Mr. Moisa stated he had looked at Beaver Brook and could see no specific source of any siltation or erosion other than the accumulation of road sand over the years.

The Commission accepted the letter for informational purposes and would wait to hear from Don Moisa or the Town going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sanzaro Adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm

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

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Date