

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2016

The Stratford INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION conducted a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 in the Town Council Chambers located at 2725 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut pursuant to notice duly given and posted.

Members Present: R. Hojdich, W. McCann, D. Blake, Alternate J. Waite, A. Schlager

Members Absent: V. Massey, E. Scinto, J. Tucciarone, T. Fahy

Others Present: Christina Batoh, Conservation Administrator

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman McCann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Schlager made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waite. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Old Business:** Ms. Batoh discussed the project at 335 Ferry Boulevard noting there are some concerns on the way the demolition is taking place. She is reaching out to the project engineer and would like to oversee ~~this project~~ demolition activities to be sure proper controls are in place.

4. **New Business -**

IWWA Application #2016-3: Re-subdivision of residentially zoned, vacant land into two (2) residential lots for the construction of two residential homes, with a portion of the construction proposed within a regulated upland review area of Raven Stream. Site Address: Arcadia Avenue facing portion of lot at 120 Pleasantview Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut. Assessor's Reference: Map 50.13, Block 29, Lot 5. Applicant: The Dennis S. McNamara, Sr. and Carla M. McNamara Revocable Trust – Ms. Batoh reviewed the applicants wetlands delineation and site engineering report, site map, grading and utility plan, sediment erosion control plan, cross sections of existing grade and proposed grade. She noted this project does not have too many issues and there are no signs it would have any impact to the watercourse. No public hearing is recommended.

Mr. Hojdich would like a representative to be present at next meeting.

Mr. Hojdich made a motion to accept application 2016-3 but would like a technical representative to be present at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schlager. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Staff Report**

Ms. Batoh reported a Notice of Violation was issued to Burns Construction Company. On the south side of Access Road (across from Sperry Ave.) a 150' concrete block retaining wall with fill behind it has been installed. Will keep Commissioners apprised of the outcome.

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6. Administrative Permits –

- A. IWWA Application #2016-1(A)** – Tree removal, minor grading, and landscaping within a regulated upland and review area. Site Address: 288 Ashwood Terrace, Stratford, Connecticut. Assessor's Reference: Map 40.21, Block 1, Lot 1. Applicant: David Ridge – Ms. Batoh noted this is the removal of a few trees in the area for esthetic purposes.
- B. IWWA Application #2016-2(A)** – Installation of a wash station in a regulated upland review area (within a currently developed parcel). Site Address: 275 Oronoque Lane, Stratford, Connecticut. Assessor's Reference: Map 60.20, Block 2, Lot 2. Applicant: Oronoque Village Tax District (Maintenance Department). – Ms. Batoh reported that storm water permits are in place and this is an enclosed facility. Commissioners discussed piping to be installed.

7. Commissioner's Forum - Ms. Batoh updated the Commissioners on the beaver situation in Roosevelt Forest. One (1) beaver has been removed to date.

Mr. McCann discussed Section 4.4 of the bylaws of the Inland Wetland Commission which states the Commission has the ability to remove a Commissioner who does not attend ~~meetings~~ three (3) consecutive ~~times~~~~meetings~~. Noted Mr. Massey has not attended a meeting in over nine (9) months. **Mr. Hojdich made a motion to remove Mr. Massey from the Inland Wetland Commission for lack of attendance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waite. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Hojdich made a motion to send to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation Mr. Waite be moved to the Inland Wetland Commission as a full ~~member~~ ~~commissioner~~ instead of an alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blake. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McCann discussed obtaining ID tags for Commission members and uniform allowance. **Mr. Hojdich made a motion to give the Conservation Administrator a uniform allowance not to exceed \$100. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schlager. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman McCann discussed obtaining a medallion which states "Town of Stratford" "Inland Wetland Boundary" "Conservation Easement" – these medallions would be put on stakes and sold to individuals when obtaining permits for identification markers.

Chairman McCann also suggested having a bullet checklist for Commissioners ~~as they conduct application reviews~~.

Ms. Batoh noted that the first Zoning ~~meeting~~ ~~hearing~~ for the 795 James Farm Road application will be held on March 29th. ~~The first hearing will consist of the applicant describing the project. The Public Hearing will not take place until the last Tuesday~~

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~~in April. The second hearing, where comments from commissions and the public will likely be heard, will take place the last Tuesday in April.~~

Commissioners agreed to have an April meeting but all new applications will be held off until May.

- 8. Adjournment** – Hearing no other business, Mr. Waite motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schlager and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail DeCilio
Recording Secretary