

WINDSOR LOCKS INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES

COMMISSION MEETING: WEDNESDAY May 2nd, 2018, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Chair - Robert Crochetiere, Maryjane Perrier, Richard Pease, Lacinda Van Gieson, John Farrelly, & James Guthrie; Recording Secretary - Pauline Taylor; Wetlands Agent - Dan Malo

Call to Order: Mr. Crochetiere called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Ms. Perrier made a motion to accept the April 4th, 2017 minutes. Mr. Guthrie seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: 92 North Main Street – Notice of Violation – Tree Removal

Dan Malo sent out a violation to the residence Thursday, April 30 for the felling of trees and a fence into adjacent storm water channel/wetlands. He asked the homeowner to contact the Building Department or RSVP for next month's wetlands meeting. The enforcement of storm water ordinance, if applicable, would be through DPW. New Blight rules would apply to the damaged fence when brought into effect.

Other Business:

Mr. Crochetiere thanked the Commission for strong attendance at the recent Storm Water Workshop - high participation from Inland / Wetland commission; the workshop was open to the town employees and various Commission members, to discuss the state's MS4 Storm water program. Future workshops are planned for staff, commissioners, and the public. Going forward, the commission can help guide applicants during plan review to be compliant with new storm water rules and regulations, instead of addressing the issue during the construction process, causing costly delays and plan revisions.

Discussion on how the Town's Conservation Commission could be a good partner with the Wetlands Commission to communicate and collaborate on projects of overlapping concern.

Discussion of Resolution Adopting Online Wetlands Permit Applications; won't occur until Building Department software is in full use. A rework of the paper application form was suggested by Mr. Pease.

Discussion on training opportunities. Online training is offered for interested members.

Discussion on new Blight Ordinance which allows for 1 unregistered vehicle on properties, opposed to the existing rule allowing 0. Concern by members about vehicle fluids making their way into the ground. Discharge of chemicals will remain prohibited. Blight enforcement regards specific property conditions. Enforcement can only follow the language of the ordinance; not public opinion against ugly houses.

Mention of additional FOI requests and complaints regarding Montgomery Mills.

Discussion on Montgomery developers maintaining quality environmental standards and being good partners with the Town. A turbidity boom was installed along the riverbank retaining wall during today's high water level. Questions & rumors are running rampant in a couple Windsor Locks Facebook groups.

Lengthy discussion on Chapman Chase erosion controls. The Commission asked if violations were in order for the stockpiles of dirt eroding into the roadway and catch basins. Mr. Malo said it was important to refer to the plan of approval, and not assume that something is in violation even if we've received complaint. If the plans represent E&S and other measures around the stockpiles, the developer will be asked to correct or be in violation. If the plans do not represent E&S, the developer will be kindly asked to install E&S. Mr. Malo invited commissioners to the Building Department to review the plan. In terms of enforcement on the entire project, he stated that this is a behemoth project which he and other staff, as well as the developers inherited. It was approved under the looser restrictions of its time. The current developer is trying to solve the prior developer's issues, as well as their own, in good faith.

Reference of other past approvals – old CT Wetlands regulations allowed for arbitrary delineations.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: At 8:36 PM, Mr. Guthrie made the motion, Ms. Perrier seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Pauline G. Taylor Recording Secretary