WINDSOR LOCKS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY July 2, 2014, 7:00 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Dulka, M. Courtney, Mr. Crocheteire, Mr. Giaccone, Mr. Malone.

Also Present: Ms. Maura Robie, Wetlands Agent

Ms. Dulka called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of 6-4-2014 Minutes: Ms. Dulka asked for a Motion to accept the 6-4-2014 Minutes. A Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Crocheteire. Motion carried.

Old Business:

75 Tracy Circle. Ms. Robie attended a meeting with Ms. Jen Rodriguez, Mr. Dana Steele, and Mr. Scott Storms and David Askew to discuss erosion issues and responsibilities. See Ms. Robies Wetland Agent's Report dated 7/2/2014 for details. Ms. Robie further stated that she received Mr. Askew's comments on July 1st. Mr. Askew's report submitted via email stated that there were no erosion issues at the Town's drainage culvert or along Mr. Frawley's property at this time. The damage/erosion at Mr. Frawley's property occurred prior to their visit and currently seemed to have stabilized. Ms. Dulka stated that these problems have existed for many years.

Dibble Hollow: See Ms. Robie's Wetland Agent's Report dated 7/2/2014 regarding her site visit June 30th.

Sutfield Street between #8 and #9 (J.Bloch) See Ms. Robie's Wetland Agent's Report dated 7/2/2014. On June 30th Ms. Robie spoke with Mr. Bloch reminding him to inform her of any changes to the current drainage plans. He said the topsoil and final grading are planned for the end of July.

CT Water Company: See Ms. Robie's Wetland Agent's Report dated 7/2/2014

3 Industrial Road: See Ms. Robie's Wetland Agent's Report dated 7/2/2014. Quoting from a report sent by Ms. Kate Bednarz, Registered Soil Scientist, Ms. Robie said that the applicant proposed to install 10 additional shrub plantings outside the area of inundation within ten feet of the border. Many of the plantings that were proposed and previously planted did not do well due to the wet conditions of the soil.

2 Ella Grasso Tpke: Ms. Robie met at the site with Mr. George T. Logan and Mr. Sigrun N. Gadwa of Rema Ecological Services to assess the condition of the wetland mitigation/restoration area which was the subject of a report sent to her on June 30th. In summary she said that despite some unusually heavy flooding, and some plant destruction by an inexperienced landscaper, remedial measures and replacement plantings were successful.

Seymour Brook (UTC Aerospace): No Update.

New Business: Ms. Dulka asked for a Motion to add an item to the Agenda. Mr. Courtney made a Motion to add an item to the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Giaccone. Motion carried. Mr. Courtney then made a Motion to add 14 Glenbrook Drive to the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Giaccone. Motion carried.

A. Receive New Applications: 14 Glenbrook Drive was received by the Building Department on June 27, 2014. Mr. Giaccone questioned why stairs on the decks had been denied in the past and were now considered viable. Ms Robie said that the area in question was now considered lawn. Ms. Dulka told Ms. Robie that she wants the original plans, minutes, and application for the next meeting to see what transpired during the original application process. Ms. Dulka further explained that the original application approval for decks specifically stated that no stairs could be added to the decks and that the area behind the condo’s appeared to have been filled in after the original permit was approved creating a lawn area. If this occurred without the Commission’s approval, this would be considered a violation because this is a regulated area. Further research on the matter and discussion will occur during the next Wetlands Meeting.

B. Agent Review: Fox Hollow: Dana Steele requested the applicant provide a more detailed plan for the Building Department. The Commission will wait until a more detailed plan is received for this matter to be discussed.

C: Public Hearings: none

Bills and Correspondence: Ms. Dulka received the final budget from the Finance Department.

Other Concerns: none

Adjournment: Ms. Dulka asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Mr. Courtney made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Giaccone. Motion carried.

Respectfully Pauline G. Taylor, Secretary.
Town of Windsor Locks

Maura Robie
Wetlands Agent
Blight Officer

MEMO
To: Windsor Locks Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
From: Maura Robie, Wetlands Agent
Date: 7/2/2014

Update of Permit follow-up / old business

1) 75 Tracy Cir./81 Tracy Cir. – 6/12 Town staff met with Steve, Scott, and Dana to discuss erosion issues and responsibility. It was suggested that Dave Askew provide his opinion. I let them know that the Wetlands Commission requires a permit to remedy the erosion which is impacting the watercourse. Dana would like to come to the next meeting (after Dave’s comments are received) and discuss the scope of the project, then a design solution and how/when funded can be decided.

2) Dibble Hollow – 6/30 Site visit follow up on addition of riprap at repair site between units 34-36. Drainage pipe was extended and added riprap area.

3) Suffield St. between #8 & 9 (J. Bloch) – 6/18 I performed a site visit and observed the yard had lots of erosion and gullies forming, but soil did not appear to be going beyond the silt fence and there was some ponding on the Northeast side of the property. 6/30 Spoke with Joe Bloch – told him to make sure the silt fence isrenched in and maintained with no soil migrating beyond it. Reminded him again to speak with me if any changes to current drainage plan. He said the topsoil and final grading are planned by the end of July.

4) CT Water Company – 6/18 I informed Scott Storms that the commission recommends written permission for them to mow on town property next to their fence rather than an easement. Scott is still working this out with Steve Wawruck. 6/24 I spoke with Dean Gustafson of All-Points Technology and he mentioned they will remove the surface trash and debris before proceeding with the remediation, but would like the town DPW to remove the waste. They plan to start the project within a week or two.

5) 3 Industrial Rd – Katie Bednax and Mike Russo met at the site on 6/20 to come up with a replanting plan that should work better with the current site hydrology. See report.

6) 2 Ella Grasso Tpke. – 6/3 I performed a site visit with George Logan and Sigrun Gadwa of REMA Ecological Serv. See report.

7) Seymour Brook (UTC Aerospace) – No update.

8) Woodridge – 6/18 Site visit – Unit #52 lawn nearly stabilized, waiting for a little more grass to grow in. Rest of site is stabilized with hay bales around Catch basin #6. Digging foundations for
Units #15-17 and #29-31 will be done the week of July 7. S&E controls will be added to prevent sedimentation of Catch basin #8.

Agent Reviews

1) Fox Hollow – 5/28 Received application from Fox Hollow Condominium Assoc. to fix erosion issues by creating a riprap swale with a plunge pool in one section and resetting existing pipe / removing existing headwall and adding riprap in a section north of that. 6/26 Dana Steele needs more information on the plan and will work with Tim Wentzell of CT Property Engineering on a revision. Revision will not be ready in time for July meeting.

Other

1) Discussion of letter dated 4/3/2014 from Scott Storms to Diane with comments regarding receipt of applications.