

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WINDSOR INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY MARCH 16, 2021 7:00PM**

Meeting Location: Online webinar, to join via computer please go to the link below
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Chairman Morando called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Morando, Secretary Towers, Commissioners Schibley, Fraysier, DeCarlo, and Washington.

Absent: Commissioner Williams

Also present were Assistant Town Planner, Todd Sealy and Town Planner, Eric Barz.

II. Public Communications (3-minute limit on items other than Public Hearings)

Public communications opened at 7:02 PM.

There were no comments from the public.

Public communications closed at 7:04 PM.

III. Business Meeting

A. Minutes

Commissioner Schibley made a **motion to approve the minutes for February 2, 2021 as amended**. Commissioner Towers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; **5-0-0**

B. New Business

Designate Todd Sealy as Interim Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agent

Commissioner Towers made a **motion to Designate Todd Sealy as Interim Inland Wetlands Watercourse Agent**. Commissioner Schibley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; **5-0-0**

Commissioner Washington joined the meeting.

Application 21-230_777, 903, 1001 Day Hill Road – Applicant: Alford Associates, Inc. – Fill removal operation

Wilson Alford, Jr., Engineer from Alford Assoc., Inc. was present and addressed the Commission. Mr. Alford gave a brief overview of the site to the Commission. The site has 14 acres of fill operation for future uses on the parcel. There is a stream towards the center that runs to the south. The wetlands are located to the south of the site and a detention basin would be installed there. The catch basin would be piped to another catch basin which has two

outlets, one to the north and the south. Mr. Alford stated that the soil are very tender soils, dry and there is very little habitat on this parcel.

Mr. Alford stated that the outlet pipe would be constructed first for the erosion and sediment control. Excavating would start from the back first then process to the front of the site. The area would be cut down to grade. There will be four phases of four acres in each phase.

Commissioner Schibley asked if the final grade was 147 down to 143 and there would be a six feet drop off. Mr. Alford stated that is correct. Commissioner Schibley asked about entrance and egress for this property. Mr. Alford stated that construction traffic would be coming from Baker Hollow Road. Mr. Alford stated that as of right now, they don't know where the permanent access would be going.

Commissioner Fraysier asked is there a reason why they are using pressure treated wood rather than non-pressure treated. Mr. Alford stated that it lasts longer. Commissioner Fraysier asked if cedar or some natural wood could be used instead to achieve that same life span.

Commissioner DeCarlo stated that he reviewed what is in treated wood and found chemicals in it that are not good for the environment. Mr. Alford said that he could use regular framing lumber.

Commissioner Fraysier asked about the water drainage that drains into the proposed area. Mr. Alford said that there is a berm through the whole area. Mr. Alford stated that this is part of Millbrook Watershed.

Mr. Alford stated that once the basin is constructed that it will hold a 100 year storm. Mr. Alford described the soils to the Commission.

Commissioner Towers asked if there were any toxins. Mr. Alford said that there is only the normal toxics from the tobacco field. The toxins should stay in the upper field and will not be removed from the site.

Town Planner Barz asked Mr. Alford if there is wetlands between the parcel and the soccer dome. Mr. Alford said that there isn't any over there. Town Planner Barz is concerned about the upper area being fifteen feet from the wetlands. Mr. Alford stated that water would not drain out to that area once the excavating is done. Town Planner Barz asked if this will change the characteristic of the wetlands. Mr. Alford stated that yes it does. Town Planner Barz said that fifteen feet is too close and thinks it needs to be moved farther away.

Commissioner Fraysier said that it would be helpful to hear from soil scientist. The Commission is concerned with this application and believes it should be held for the next meeting.

Asst. Town Planner Sealy asked if the hammerhead would be discharging in the bio filter area. Mr. Alford stated that the hammerhead has been replaced with the catch basin. There is riprap at each of the outlets. Asst. Town Planner Sealy stated that he would send updated plans to the Commission as soon as possible. Asst. Town Planner Sealy said that in some of the areas

around the softball fields there has been erosion of sand going into the wetlands. Asst. Town Planner Sealy expressed his concern for this erosion to happen in this area as well.

Chairman Morando stated that this application should be accepted and held until next meeting.

There are concerns for:

1. Treated lumber;
2. Amount of boundary suggested to be used by the wetlands.
3. Need soil scientist.

Mr. Alford asked that if a public hearing is required, it be scheduled tonight. Commissioner Towers stated that we don't have all the fact right now to come to that conclusion.

Commissioner Schibley stated that there doesn't appear to be public interest. There is no direct impact here and doesn't see a need for a public hearing.

Commissioner Schibley made a motion to accept application 21-230_777, 903, and 1001 Day Hill Road – Applicant: Alford Associates, Inc. – Fill Removal Application. Commissioner Towers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; **6-0-0**

C. Old Business

Application 21-229_4 Walters Way – Applicant: Thomas Defranzo – Agricultural Exemption for a fish pond and vineyard

Wilson Alford, for the applicant asked the Commissioner for postponement on this application since additional information is needed.

Commissioner Schibley made a **motion to continue the application 21-229_4 Walters Way – Applicant: Thomas Defranzo – Agricultural Exemption for a fish pond and vineyard to the next meeting.** Commissioner Fraysier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously; **6-0-0**

Application 19-109B_1201 Kennedy Road – Applicant: All-Points Technology Corporation – Modification to existing permit.

Commissioner Fraysier recused himself from this application.

Dean Gustafson, Senior Wetlands Scientist from All-Points Technology Corporation was present and addressed the Commission. Mr. Gustafson gave a brief recap of the application to the Commission. Mr. Gustafson provided the Commission with the erosion and sediment controls. Mr. Gustafson said that they have addressed all comments and concerns from the Commission and staff.

Commissioner Schibley stated that Environmental Planner Perko stated that the additional recommendation of waddles midway at the base of the three one slope. Mr. Gustafson said that waddles are a classic netting filled with clean straw material, however his preference is to use compost filter socks or tubes. Mr. Gustafson showed that the plan has the compost filter socks in that area.

Commissioner Schibley asked why is there four stacked up. Mr. Gustafson stated that it's to provide an extra protection of the resource area.

Commissioner Schibley made a **motion to approve 19-109B_1201 Kennedy Road – Applicant: All-Points Technology Corporation – Modification to existing permit.**

Commissioner Washington seconded the motion and it passed; **5-0-0**

IV. Discussion

Standard Conditions

Asst. Town Planner Sealy stated that discussion on the Soccer dome for a requirement for erosion and sediment control cash bond. Asst. Town Planner Sealy said that he found no acceptance of a cash bond. The erosion and sediment control measures can be enforced as a violation. According to IWWC Regulations, Section 13 the agency may require a cash bond and Asst. Town Planner Sealy asked the Commission if they ever required one. Town Planner Barz stated that many years ago there was no erosion and sediment control ordinance or separate storm water ordinance. This has now moved from the Planning Department to the Engineering Department.

Commissioner Schibley stated that a bond provided the Town with an existing method of recourse if something should fail. The bond can provide the town with assets to remedy problems.

Town Planner Barz stated that the Wetlands Agent and Town Engineer are visiting site before and after major storm events to make sure everything is taken care of.

Commissioner Schibley asked if we should leave the bonding in the regulations. Town Planner Barz stated that we should leave it in.

V. Authorized Agent Actions – None

VI. Agent Report

Town Planner Barz stated that he has received twenty-two resumes for the Environmental Planner position. Town Planner Barz said that interviews started this week. Hopefully someone would be hired by the next meeting.

VII. Petitions from Commissioners

Chairman Morando stated that Commissioners DeCarlo, Fraysier, and he have been reappointed.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Towers made a motion to adjourn at 8:52pm. Commissioner Schibley seconded and it passed unanimously; **6-0-0**

I certify that these minutes were approved on

Marlene Towers, Secretary
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission