

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WINDSOR INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WINDSOR TOWN HALL**

Meeting Location: Online webinar, to join via computer please go to the link below
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Chairman Lou Morando called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

I. Roll Call (Chairman Morando reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.)

Present: Chairman Lou Morando, Secretary Marlene Towers and Commissioners Ruth Jefferis, Steven Fraysier, Adam Schibley, and Paul St. Amand. A quorum was established.

Absent: Commissioners Richard Williams and Kevin Washington

Also present was Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agent Emily Perko.

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

Public communications opened at 7:03 PM.

There were no comments from the public.

Public communications closed at 7:05 PM.

III. Business Meeting

A. Minutes

Commissioner Schibley made a **motion to approve the minutes as corrected for the April 7, 2020 meeting**. Commissioner Towers seconded the motion.

Vote 6-0-0.

B. New Business

Application 20-112_73 Alden Road – [REDACTED] – Shed on gravel base with curtain drain

Commissioner [REDACTED] recused himself for this application due to being the applicant. He proceeded with presenting his application for a 12' x 18' shed on a gravel base in the wetland. [REDACTED] explained a curtain drain was included as part of the application but he is unsure if it will be necessary, he will consult with the contractor whom installs the gravel base. All excavation will be completed by hand.

Chairman Morando asked if the property is a wetland.

[REDACTED] explained the proposed shed is inside the wetland area but is maintained lawn.

Commissioned Fraysier asked for clarification on the direction and outlet of the proposed curtain drain.

█ stated the curtain drain follows the fence then cuts left and turns left to the side of the property.

Commissioner Towers asked if this would impact drainage on the neighbor's property

█ stated he does not believe so but he is in communication with his neighbor about the project. The water will continue in the same flow direction into the natural drainage pattern to the rear of the property.

Chairman Morando stated he does not see a major impact to the wetland with this project.

Commissioner Fraysier motioned to accept the application. Commissioner Towers Second.

Vote 4-0-2

Application 20-113_72 Windbrook Drive – AFS Consulting LLC – Create trench for drainage improvements

Tony Sponzo, AFS Contracting LLC, presented the application explaining the property is a wetland and the homeowner is having drainage issues. Due to the topography of the yard a pipe is not possible because there is no pitch. Tony is proposing trenching with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch crushed stone so the water can pool in the trench and infiltrate into the ground. He stated this project would improve drainage to the neighboring property which is having water issues as well.

Commissioner Schibley asked about the pitch of the trench, specifically which side is higher and what direction will the water be moving.

T. Sponzo stated the property is level and at the water table so there will be no pitch because he is unable to do any type of grading. The trench will create a void for the water to seep into and naturally infiltrate back into the wetland.

Chairman Morando clarified that the proposal is for 240 ft. of linear troths to retain the water in that area so it could leach back into the wetland.

T. Sponzo confirmed and explained this would not increase the amount of water entering the wetland but it will give the surface water a place to seep into prior to entering the wetland. Currently the property owner's backyard is extremely saturated.

Commissioner Jefferis asked if neighboring properties would be impacted by this project.

T. Sponzo stated this will not negatively impact the drainage of any surrounding properties, it will in fact benefit the neighbor to the right whom is experiencing similar issues.

Commissioner Fraysier asked where the excavated material would be placed.

T. Sponzo stated the material would be retained on the property and reused in the general area. The homeowner intends to put a garden around the trenched area, material will be used for that as well.

Commissioner Fraysier requested a wetland seed mix be used after the project is complete to stabilize the area. Further requested the applicant provide additional information on the means and methods of the project and what will be done with the excavated material.

Commissioner Schibley motioned to accept the application and to place the item on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioned Fraysier seconded the motion.

Commissioner St. Amand commented on the process homeowners have to go through when their yard is in a wetland. Stating the regulations came after the neighborhood and can be problematic for the homeowner.

Commissioner Jefferis left the meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

C. Old Business

Application 20-110_100 Meadow Road – Riverfront Recapture Inc. – Demolition of warehouse building

Chairman Morando discussed the supplemental material that was provided to the commission by the applicant as it related to the hazardous material on site and sequence of demolition. Stated this supplemental report covers everything that was requested for the application.

Commissioner Schibley stated this is a positive project, the building is a blight and environmental hazard, and this will make good and productive use of the land. Riverfront Recapture is doing everything they can to act in a good and responsible manner. The area is surrounded by millings so the concerned with runoff into the brook is minimal. Schibley asked if Hartford has been notified of the application.

Wetlands Agent Perko stated she notified Hartford about this application after the last meeting.

Commissioner Schibley motioned to approve the application with standard conditions and the disposal of the hazardous material contained within the supplemental information filed with the commission be followed and the hazardous materials be handled and disposed of as described there in. Commissioned Fraysier seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

Application 20-111_357 Rainbow Road – The Connecticut Light and Power Co. – 4 lot subdivision

Commissioner Towers brought up a point that was raised by Commissioner Jefferis at the last meeting asking if abutters were notified.

Kris, Habitat for Humanity, stated a public information session was held in which abutters were notified of the meeting and project. In addition, members of the organization went door to door to notify the neighbors. The comments submitted by the property owners were pertaining to the overall property that section of town. Comments were sent to Wetlands Agent Perko as well.

Marek Kemmet stated the application is also before the Planning and Zoning Commission in which abutters have been notified and signs have been posted on the property.

Commissioner Schibley had a question about the stockpile location on the plans and asked if they could be relocated away from the wetlands and reinforce the erosion and sedimentation control near the wetland.

Commissioner Jefferis rejoined the meeting

Wetlands Agent Perko stated she received outside correspondence regarding this application, due to there being no public hearing it is not something that can be entered into the record. However, the letter was addressed to the Planning and Zoning Commission as well and will be entered into their record once they open the public hearing next week.

Commissioner Fraysier stated environmentally there were no major concerns with this application.

Commissioner Fraysier motioned to approve the application with standard conditions and additional erosion and sedimentation measures and shift of temporary stockpiles as discussed. Commissioner Schibley seconded.

Vote: 6-0-0

IV. Public Hearing

Proposed amendment to the Windsor Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations: Section 2.1(z) and Section 10.9

Public Hearing was opened at 8:04PM

Wetlands Agent Perko stated she has not received any correspondence from Darcy Winther at DEEP regarding the records retention schedule but would reach out to her regarding this section.

Commissioner Schibley made a motion **to continue the public hearing for the proposed amendment to the Windsor Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulation: Section 2.1(z) and Section 10.9 to the May 5th meeting.**

Commissioner Towers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0

V. Miscellaneous

Wetlands Agent Perko stated the primary election has been rescheduled for June 2, 2020 and the Council Chambers will be unavailable. She suggested rescheduling the regularly scheduled meeting to June 3, 2020.

Commissioner Schibley motioned to change the next regularly scheduled meeting date to June 3, 2020. Commissioner Towers seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

VI. Authorized Agent Actions

There were no Agent Actions

VII. Agent Report

Wetlands Agent Perko updated the commission on the current DEEP Wetlands Training and two violations that have been brought to her attention. Both violations involve grading within the wetland, no formal violation has been issued due to both homeowners actively working to correct the issue. Perko has asked both property owners to have the wetlands delineated and a site plan prepared to include with a formal application to the commission.

VIII. Petitions from Commissioners

There were no Petitions from Commissioners

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Morando entertained a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Jefferis made the motion to adjourn at 8:19 PM.
Commissioner Towers seconded the motion.
Vote: 6-0-0

I certify that these minutes were approved on

Marlene Towers, Secretary
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission