

EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 7, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue,
East Lyme, Connecticut

Members Present:
Ed Hafner, Chairman
Cheryl Lozanov
Walt Prochorena
Rich Gallagher
Candace Bodenhofer
Chuck Reluga

Seated Alternate Member:
Keith Hall

Also Present:
Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning/Wetlands Officer

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- VI.B Approval of 2010 Meeting Schedule**
- VI.C North Bride Brook Road – State Parking Lot**
- VI.D. 161 West Main Street – Ballestrini Day Care**

II. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

None.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. October 5, 2009 – Public Hearing Minutes – Appeal of Wetlands Agent Decision

The minutes were accepted as submitted by unanimous consent.

B. October 5, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes were accepted by unanimous consent with the following amendment:

Page 5, first paragraph should state, “Mr. Goeschel stated they had requested he make contact with Ballestrini’s **Day Care at 161 West Main Street.**”

IV. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

It was requested that in the future new applications be placed under this item on the agenda, not under new business.

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 63 Scott Road, Tax Assessor's Map# 29.0, Lot# 14 – Property of Webster & Lisa Scott applicant/owner; Application for the filling in of approximately 5,594± square feet of a wetland and watercourse. (Application Received 12-07-09).

Mr. Goeschel reviewed the letters from Don Gerwick, P.E., L.S. and Don Fortunato, Certified Soil Scientist regarding this site. Mr. Goeschel presented a plan showing the existing conditions on the site.

Ms. Lozanov asked if the pond was considered a farm pond before [it was filled in]. Mr. Geoschel stated that it was listed as a watercourse on the GIS data.

Mr. Hafner stated that it was his opinion that a public hearing should be held for this application but more information is needed.

Mr. Goeschel stated that he had not been aware of any activity on this site until an application was made to the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Gallagher requested that the Orchards subdivision plans be reviewed to see if any drainage pipes going to this site were removed in violation of their permit.

Mrs. Bodenhofer noted that any amount of fill over 5000 S.F. would require an Army Corps of Engineers permit.

It was the consensus of the Agency that this matter would be further discussed at their next meeting to determine a public hearing date.

B. 2010 Inland Wetlands Agency Meeting Schedule

Mr. Goeschel presented two alternative meeting schedules to the members of the Agency. Mr. Goeschel noted changing the meetings to the second Monday of the month would afford more time to schedule public hearings within the requirements of the Regulations and afford him more time for meeting preparation.

MOTION 1: Mrs. Bodenhofer moved to approve the following 2010 meeting schedule for the Inland Wetlands Agency to be held at 7:00 p.m.:

January 11, 2010

February 8, 2010

March 8, 2010

April 12, 2010
May 10, 2010
June 14, 2010
July 12, 2010

August 9, 2010
September 13, 2010
October 12, 2010
November 8, 2010

December 13, 2010

Seconded by Ms. Lozanov.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. North Bride Brook Road – State of Connecticut Parking Lot.

Ms. Lozanov stated that more and more vehicles are driving right up to the brook and parking there.

Mrs. Bodenhofer stated that there is silt fence on the site.

Mr. Goeschel stated that he would inquire about this and there may be a permit that is not being adhered to.

D. 161 West Main Street – Ballestrini Day Care Center.

Ms. Lozanov stated that clearing on this site has taken place beyond what was necessary for sight-line. Mr. Goeschel stated he will issue a Notice of Violation for this site.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Reluga and Ms. Lozanov gave an overview of the seminars they attended at the annual CACIWC meeting.

VIII. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Goeschel stated that at property owner at 16 Darrows Ridge had cleared within 100' of the pond and he had informed them that their property deed has a restriction stating that they must submit an application to this Agency for any activity within 100' of the pond.

Mrs. Bodenhofer left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Hafner requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at as a Notice of Violation under old business including the date of issue.

Ms. Lozanov requested that the Agency be informed of any agent-approved applications.

Mr. Reluga requested that the Chester property on Upper Walnut Hill Road be placed on the site walk agenda for late summer/early fall 2010.

Mr. Reluga asked if anyone had been appointed to collect fines. Mr. Goeschel stated that he would follow-up on that.

IX. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

It was noted that a new ex-officio will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Gallagher noted that the State is replacing the Rocky Neck culvert that was always getting clogged up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2: Mr. Prochorena moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Lozanov.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Wright, Recording Secretary