

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MAY 25, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Block, Ashworth, Furlong, Williams
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 11, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 11, 2011, as amended

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Proposed Industrial Development, 90 Leonard Drive

Robert Schuch, P.E. of Boundaries, LLC reviewed the proposal to construct two (2) industrial buildings, a 30,000 gallon propane tank, and paved parking lots on Lot #2 in the Leonard Drive Subdivision. A gazebo and clearing is proposed within 50 feet of wetlands. He reviewed the plans, the site improvements, and the stormwater management system. The intent is to have offices at the front of the building and a warehouse at the back.

Furlong inquired about the impervious area. The parking area and roadway will be made of a bituminous pavement. It was noted that there won't be any floor or footing drains. Propane tank elevation and usage was discussed. Schuch stated that they are tied into sewer and water is serviced by Groton Utilities.

Furlong is concerned about propane tanks and the hazards they present. Schuch explained that the propane tank will be above the flood zone. Discussion followed about safety.

The Agency scheduled a site walk for Monday, June 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: To classify as a minor application

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Staff gave an update about the construction site at 459 New London Road.

2. Report of Staff

Staff received an inquiry about an environmental site assessment being done at the site of the old Mystic Tennis Club on Welles Road. Test borings will be drilled between 50 and 100 feet from the wetlands. After reviewing the location on the map, the Agency did not require a permit.

Staff spoke about a letter she received from the DEP in February regarding deficiencies in an application to breach the dam at 456 Poquonnock Road, as submitted by Electric Boat. She has requested a copy of the application as the Town owns the pond above the dam. She noted that DEP will not process their application until the Town of Groton gives input.

Sutphen noted that knotweed has been dumped into the wetlands at 2-4 Haley Farm Lane. Staff will look into this.

Staff distributed the most current Habitat Newsletter to Agency members.

Edith Fairgrieve inquired about the upcoming public hearing pertaining to the proposed Wetland regulation amendments, which is scheduled for June 8, 2011. Staff stated that documentation relative to this item is available in the Town of Groton's Planning Department.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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