

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
OCTOBER 28, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott at 7:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of October 14, 2009

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 14, 2009.

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

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Shah Property, 767 River Road

Staff gave some history about the property and introduced Erik Kudlis of Erik Design Build who will be doing the proposed renovations.

Mr. Kudlis presented the application to install a geothermal well, water lines, and underground electric lines within the upland review area. An eroded gully will be deepened and the lines installed. The wetland resources on site include a stone-lined watercourse on the south side of the property.

Staff reviewed past permits issued for projects on the property.

The Agency expressed concern regarding the proposed regarding of the slope behind the house. They felt there are alternatives that would push Stormwater away from the building that would not involve as much grading.

Mr. Kudlis noted that renovations to the house have already begun.

V. PENDING

1. Four Paws Veterinary Clinic, 117, 151 & 159 Cow Hill Road

Clint Brown of DiCesare Bentley reviewed the revised plans for the clinic. He explained that he reconfigured the location for the truck turnout and drainage outlet and reduced work in the upland review area by approximately half. He noted that there is a substantial distance to Bindloss Brook, which is heavily vegetated.

The Agency felt that the plan has been improved.

MOTION: To approve the Four Paws Veterinary Clinic application for the following reasons:

1. There will be no wetlands filled as part of this project.
2. The applicant has proposed a stormwater management system designed to protect the water quality of Bindloss Brook.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted 5 in favor, 1 abstention (Williams). Motion Carried.

2. Electric Boat Building 775 Demolition, 456 Poquonnock Road

Staff stated that this application is being tabled because the revised plans have not yet been received.

3. Long Meadow Landing Pond Improvements, 45 South Road

Matthew Maynard, Project Engineer of Towne Engineering, Inc. reviewed the proposal to take down the existing chain link fence, remove invasive species, put back a chain link fence, floating wood dock replacement, and landscape improvements within the regulated area. He added that the fence would be set in concrete.

Staff suggested that the operation narrative be integrated into the site plan.

MOTION: To approve the Long Meadow Landing Pond Improvements application for the following reasons:

1. There is minimal soil disturbance associated with the project.
2. There will be no wetlands filled as part of the project.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ledge Light Health District Permit to Discharge Regulation

Staff believes that the proposal is going to be rewritten by the Ledge Light Health District.

2. Report of Chair

Sutphen expressed a concern about a detention basin being installed at the Millpond Subdivision near a vernal pool. Staff stated that water is not being diverted from the vernal pool to the basin.

3. Report of Staff

Staff reminded the members of an upcoming wetlands seminar next week sponsored by the DEP.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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