

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
APRIL 27, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Block, Sutphen, Alternate Ashworth
Staff: Jones, Murphy, and Town Attorney M. Carey

Scott appointed Ashworth to sit for Keeler.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Mystic Active Adult, LLC, et al v. Town of Groton IWWA, and GOSA, et al v. Town of Groton IWWA, et al

MOTION: To enter executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss Mystic Active Adult, LLC, et al v. Town of Groton IWWA

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously.

MOTION: To enter executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss GOSA, et al v. Town of Groton IWWA et al

Motion by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously.

The Commission came out of executive session at 8:38 p.m.

Scott reported that Agency members Scott, Sutphen, Block and Ashworth and staff members Jones, Murphy and Carey had attended the executive session. No votes were taken.

MOTION: To direct the Town Attorney to file a petition for certification in appellate court regarding Mystic Active Adult, LLC, et al v. Town of Groton Inland and Wetlands et al.

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously.

Staff members Murphy and Carey left the meeting at 8:45 PM.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 13, 2005

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 13, 2005

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth so voted unanimously.

V. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Receipt of New Applications

- Watrous & Kent Driveway Culvert Replacement, 113 and 125 Fishtown Road

Staff briefly reviewed the plans to replace a deteriorating driveway culvert off Fishtown Road. Eccleston Brook flows through the culvert. The pipe size will remain the same and detailed construction and erosion control plans will be developed. Sutphen noted that she owns property to the west and south of the site.

VI. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. Tilcon, 185 South Road

Staff noted that the erosion control plan has been upgraded to include final stabilization measures and dewatering details. Ken Petrini, DiCesare-Bentley Engineers and Frank Lane, Tilcon, were present to answer any questions. Staff distributed a draft motion.

MOTION: To approve the Tilcon Baghouse and Exhaust Chimney application for the following reasons:

1. There is no irretrievable loss of wetlands or watercourses associated with this project.
2. The existing structure and related discharge will be eliminated as part of this project.

This permit is subject to the five standard conditions.

Motion by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously.

2. Ledges East, 375 Drozdyk Drive (public hearing scheduled 5/25/05)

The Agency did not discuss this item.

3. Petri Subdivision, 65 Pequot Avenue

Staff reported that staff review is scheduled for next week and the Agency tabled discussion on this application.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Scott asked staff to inspect Route 1 west of the Ice House Subdivision and to have erosion controls installed as necessary.

Sutphen reported that she has been approached by a citizen regarding clearing on Starr Hill Road and asked staff to inspect.

Sutphen reported that she has observed rototilling and grass being planted on the lot on the corner of Route 215 and Cedar Road. She believes that this has gone beyond the discussion with the property owners regarding the removal of invasive species and that this activity may need a permit. She asked staff to inspect and issue a Notice of Violation.

Sutphen reported that the culvert discharging into Fishtown Brook on Fishtown Road south of the pump station has created a sand delta in the brook bed. She asked staff to bring this to the attention of the Public Works Department and asked that the material be removed by shovel. She also noted that she could do the work herself if Public Works is unable to do it.

2. Report of Staff

Staff reported that a town surveyor noted a new driveway on Godfrey Road that may be in or adjacent to wetlands. The lot was issued a permit for a house and driveway in the late 1990s. Staff will investigate and issue enforcement action as necessary.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.