

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012
5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT. 06278**

Present: Lenny Liguore (Chairperson), Ray Fenn, Mark Wagenbrenner (alt.), Rick Zulick, Chris Fongemie (alt.), Gary Lipstreu, and Jack Barclay.

Also present: Joe Theroux, Wetlands Agent; Michael Gardner, Land Use Dept. Administrator; Francine Hodovan, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Anthony Zemba, GZA, Senior Ecologist and Environmental Scientist; Mr. and Mrs. George Moran.

Call to Order: The Ashford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Regular Meeting of April 3, 2012, was call to order by Chairperson Liguore at 7:04 p.m.

Seating of Alternates: None.

Review and Acceptance of the minutes from IWWC Meeting of February 7, 2012.

J. Barclay moved and R. Zulick seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written for the IWWC Meeting of February 7, 2012 with the following correction made for clarification. The motion passed with everyone voting affirmatively.

Correction: Under New Business, Item A, should read Turnpike Road, not Armitage Road.

Old Business:

A. Salvation Army Camp Connri, 26 Happy Hill Lane – Engineering Report:

Engineer Anthony Zemba gave an overview of the events at Camp Connri that brought us up to date. He went over a review/report of the affected wetlands areas, and wildlife that may be disturbed in the clean-up or in the continuation of the proposed project. The report was very comprehensive. It was noted that the Camp would like to proceed as soon as possible because their peak time for use of the pond is summer when boaters, fisher people and swimmers use the Camp the most. J. Theroux has 100% cooperation with the Camp. The list of upcoming events on the Camp property is as follows:

- a.) The surveyor to come out this week to review the property, the proposed clean-up and changes.
- b.) Survey data will be gathered and a site plan drafted with topography be completed within a couple of weeks after, i.e. end of April.
- c.) Camp Connri will secure a contract with someone to do the necessary grading. Ideally, this will be done before June for the 2012 swimming season. The Camp will return to the IWWC at the June meeting. For the moment the IWWC agreed to keep the Cease and Desist order in place.

G. Lipstreu moved and R. Fenn seconded a motion to continue further discussion until next month. The motion passed with everyone voting affirmatively.

B. Town of Ashford DPW – Turnpike Road Project:

The application was accepted at the February meeting of the IWWC and needs to be addressed. The most important condition being that the work is completed between July 1 and September 30, 2012.

R. Zulick moved and G. Lipstreu seconded a motion to approve the project as demonstrated by the engineer and site plan under the special condition that the project be completed within the period of July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012. The motion passed with everyone voting affirmatively.

New Business:

A. George and Faith Moran – Pond repair and dry hydrant at 39 Barlow Hill Road:

Mr. Moran gave a history of the property from back in the 1950's to date, piecing together as much as he could. He currently has an overgrown swamp with invasive plants and probably some damage from beavers. It also appeared to him that a backhoe was brought in at some point and was used to dredge some of the built-up pond sludge. At this time the Morans came to the IWWC to request a permit to clean up and maintain the spillway and surrounding property. They stated that the Town is willing to put in the dry hydrant on Barlow Hill Road and he will hire Ray Molnar to do the actual work. They will not need to drain the pond and hope to have the necessary work done between July and August of 2012. Per J. Theroux, the application is complete. He recommends that the group make a site walk together. The date and time of the site walk are Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

G. Lipstreu moved and J. Barclay seconded a motion to accept the application as presented to IWWC. The motion passed with everyone voting affirmatively.

Hear from Public: None.

Members' Reports: IWWC requested J. Barclay continue to set up an educational session to which J. Barclay stated he would agree to do but is still waiting for input from the IWWC as to what they would like the presentation to consist of. L. Liguore suggested plant identification, invasive species. Barclay said that he could bring in samples, etc., and will continue to work on the project and keep members informed.

Correspondence: A.) J. Theroux passed around the latest issue of CT Wildlife magazine.

B.) Discussion regarding the clean-up of the J. Barclay pond and beaver dam. Some other issues have come up in connection with the clean-up and J. Barclay and R. Zulick want to be sure that these issues do not significantly change the approved application and to clarify that Barclay does or does not need to file for a new permit or an addendum to the old one. They also discussed creating a structure to raise or lower the water level. L. Liguore requested that they write up an impact report showing how such a structure would work, using water measurements (either inches or gallons) that could be used to modify the original application.

C.) R, Mullady property: The cease and desist order was withdrawn on the advice of the land use attorney. All activity has stopped as far as the IWWC and Agent Theroux are aware. J. Theroux stated that in his last correspondence to the property owner he stated that he would be monitoring the property.

Agent's Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment: G. Lipstreu moved and R. Zulick seconded a motion to adjourn the IWWC Meeting of April 3, 2012. The motion passed with everyone voting affirmatively.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Meeting of April 3, 2012 adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Francine Hodovan
Recording Secretary