

New Business: None.

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Lenny Liguore (Chair), Ray Fenn, Peter Piecyk, Rick Zulick.
Also present: Joe Theroux, Wetlands Agent; and Francine Hodovan, Recording Secretary.

Guests: David DiSalvo (Ross Solar, Contractor), Kathy Iannucci.

Call to Order: Chair Liguore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Seating of Alternates: None.

Review and acceptance of Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2014

P. PIECYK MOVED AND R. FENN SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2014 AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY EXCEPT FOR R. ZULICK WHO ABSTASINED.

Old Business:

1. Ross Solar: Ground Mount Solar Array at 451 Perry Hill Road: David di Salvo, Contractor for Ross Solar stated that Mr. Krasicki and Ms. Iannucci are setting up a 75 panel solar array that will produce 18 kilowatts of energy which is enough and more to power their home. The array will be set up across the brook so a retaining wall has been built to block debris. There will be a 12 foot high cable above the brook and a trench to the home made of 2" PVC pipe. The brook is mostly dry at this time of the year. J. Theroux augured the soil with Dan Ross and it was dry. The disturbance to the wetlands will be minor to none and no excavation will be performed.

D. Rechel arrived and was seated at 7:05 p.m.

Per J. Theroux there will be very minor wetlands disturbance and the necessary trees are already down. The panels will be held up with 8" galvanized steel posts screwed in about 5-1/2 to 6 feet down. The panels will be approximately 3 to 4 feet above the ground with clear access should they need to be reached for repair or other reason. It was noted that the placement of the array is for necessary clearance. In the event of a power failure, there is a main switch at the home and it is equipped with an automatic disconnect. J. Theroux stated that the posts' possible obstruction in brook flow would be no greater than the trees that were previously there. The only issue is moving in and out the machinery that will be needed to install the panels, other than that, it appears that there is more risk to the array than to the environment.

P. PIECYK MOVED AND D. RECHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION 41-03-14 AS PRESENTED ON THE SITE PLAN DATED 06/27/2014, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITION TO USE PLY WOOD FOR TRANSPORT AS DESCRIBED AT THIS MEETING AND THAT NO OTHER WORK BE DONE IN THE WETLANDS (INCLUDING TREE REMOVAL) WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE IWWC. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

New Business: None.

Agent's Report: So far, things are pretty quiet. He has spent many hours on Tuesdays checking out a number of outstanding issues. He will be checking on the Bebbington Road culvert.

Member Reports: R. Fenn stated that the Conservation Commission contacted the Eastern CT Environmental Review Team regarding the Langheimer Property, which is 72 acres on Lustig Road and the possibility of using the property for walking trails with minimal disturbance to the wetlands there. Fenn stated that he feels that the IWWC should be involved in this discussion. He also stated that this property was taken over by the Town of Ashford back in 1959 for back taxes owed. The road is abandoned but foot access to the trails could be acceptable. At one time there was an offer to buy the property and put houses on it but the Town quashed that plan in order to leave it undisturbed because of its proximity to the Ruby Fenton. There are a lot of issues attached to the possible uses of this property that have yet to be addressed.

Adjournment: P. PIECYK MOVED AND D> RECHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JULY 1, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

The regular meeting of the IWWC was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Hodovan
Recording Secretary

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