

Inland Wetlands Agency
Norfolk, CT 06058

Monday, January 9, 2012 7:00 pm

MEETING
Minutes

1. The meeting came to order at 7:05 pm.
2. ROLL CALL
Present: Travis Charter (Acting Chair, Vice Chairman), Melissa Robinson (Secretary), Scott Eisenlohr (WEO), Byron Tucker, Clint Webb (arrived 7:05) Phil Lovett (arrived 7:19.)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 5 Minutes. Tucker moved and Robinson seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. AGENDA REVIEW – Robinson moved at the Acting Chairs suggestion to reorder agenda items and add Correspondence as Item 7. Tucker seconded. Approved unanimously.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Van Buren property, Litchfield Rd, Norfolk, CT
WEO asked Northwest Conservation District (NCD) to evaluate a fish kill at referenced property. The letter states that the fish kill was not a result of high nutrient levels from runoff from a neighbor's property. WEO suggests additional testing. WEO also contacted CT DOT to clean out culvert catch basins, which were full on the day of NCD & WEO visit.
 - B. EMS Building Committee
Mark Burke introduced this project with the assistance of architect, Mark Fortunato of TLB Architecture, LLC. To give the scope of the project, Mr Fortunato presented an existing site plan (with wetland boundaries and property line setbacks) and two proposed site plans for new firehouse and parking. The new building is currently proposed to be three times the size of the existing structure. After discussion, the commissioners and WEO, without taking a public position or commenting on the merits of the project, outlined further information to include in any application that might come before them. These are a soil report and a wetland biology report that would determine the value of the wetland. This plus engineered plans showing new culvert will allow the committee to determine significant activity. State & federal permits may be required because of secondary impact on Blackberry River just downhill of the site.
 - C. City Meadow Committee
Molly Ackerly presented some history of the committee and an October 19, 2011 report which was reviewed and discussed. The objectives of the city meadow project are to improve storm water runoff, increase aesthetic value and promote recreation. Other goals would be removing phragmites, in conjunction with the planting of native species and possible wetlands mitigation. State & federal grants will be part of the funding. The commission suggested coordination between EMS and City Meadow Committees for consultants, especially for site and wetlands planning.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Application# 11-003
Judy & Kim Maxwell
48 Litchfield Road
Map 7-12, Lot 229, Zone VR

The Public Hearing originally scheduled for tonight was cancelled because abutters were not notified. The applicant asked to extend public hearing in a January 2 letter to WEO. The Public Hearing is now scheduled for Monday, February 6 at 7:30 with the Regular Meeting beginning at 7:00.

The commission then reviewed plans and application. The commission would like clarification/additional information on the following items:

- i. Deed language from Town Attorney
- ii. A north-south cross section of pond (at a larger scale) locating aquatic bench (with plantings), height of berm and neighbor's garage
- iii. More details on berm with plantings (no trees or shrubs.)
- iv. Check contour lines
- v. Show culvert at property line
- vi. Show Town sewer line
- vii. What are circular objects at pond edge?
- viii. Berm/swale cross section clarification
- ix. Is a dam permit required?
- x. Water flow analysis for new pond and
- xi. Suggest staked hay bales at silt fence during construction
- xii. Noted NCD suggestion of additional swale – pass to engineer.

7. COMMUNICATION & BILLS

- a. Maxwell Public Hearing extension request (item 6)
- b. NCD December 5, 2011 re: Maxwell swale (item 6A xii)
- c. NCD letter re: fish kill at Van Buren property (item 5A)
- d. CT Farm Bureau membership - \$70

8. ADJOURNMENT It was moved to adjourn at 8:21 pm

The next regular meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 6, Monday, March 5 and Monday, April 2 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Robinson, Secretary