

**INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 2, 2008**

Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Joseph Bakstis
Sally MacKenzie
Rosemary Bertotti
Lars Johnson, alternate
Vincent Friel - absent

OTHER:

Public: 0
Keith Rosenfeld, WEO
Jim Stewart, Borough Engineer
Rachel Brainard

1. Mary Davis took attendance, and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary noted there was a quorum. At this time she appointed Lars Johnson a regular voting member in place of Vincent Friel.
2. No Executive Session with Borough Attorney.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion of Inland Wetland Violation for Autohaus, Inc. located at 393 Rubber Avenue.

Commissioner Davis asked if this item was staying on the agenda until we receive the plans. She stated the Commission is satisfied with how the applicant has taken care of the violation. She noted she checked out the woodpile with Rosemary Bertotti. She felt it was far enough away from the brook. Rosemary Bertotti noted in the area between the building and the temporary trailer there is a piece of a car. Mary Davis said she didn't feel it was a violation if it was just an object with in the 50 ft buffer. Rosemary Bertotti said there are also 4 cars parked near the brook. Mary Davis asked for this item to remain on the agenda for next month. Keith Rosenfeld said he would send the owner word of the Commissioners findings and he will look into the 4 cars.
 - B. Commission discussion of fine ordinance.

Mary Davis stated the Inland Wetland fine ordinance was before the Borough Board this evening and they will set a public hearing for it as well. Keith Rosenfeld noted that Attorney Hess assured him that the ordinance will not change the original procedures of the Wetlands Commission. He also said at the issuance of a citation it will be up to the consultation of the chair to decide what steps to take. Mr. Rosenfeld said he felt the wetland regulations and the fine ordinance would work perfectly together. He noted that the Borough Board would set a public hearing and asked Commissioner Davis if she would like him to attend or if the Commission wanted to attend that meeting. Mary Davis said she felt that all the Commissioners should attend as well as Keith.

- C. Commission discussion/decision on Inland Wetland Application for Highwood Hills Estate Subdivision located on 45 High Street (IW #07-09), Naugatuck, CT. Applicant: MaryAnn Dmuchowski.

Keith Rosenfeld said he received a fax from Attorney McVerry today. He read the letter into the record and handed the Commission a copy. The applicant is requesting a continuation to February's meeting because they were unable to do the camera study due to the weather and holidays. Commissioner Davis said they may have a difficult time doing the camera study due to the winter weather. She noted the Commission is running out of time to determine whether or not the activity is significant. There was a discussion over the time frame and conditions for deciding if an application was a significant activity.

VOTED: 4:1:0 on a motion by Sally MacKenzie and seconded by Lars Johnson the activities for Inland Wetland Application for Highwood Hills Estate Subdivision are **SIGNIFICANT**.

Joseph Bakstis opposed.

- D. Commission discussion/decision on Inland Wetland Application for Naugatuck River Greenway/ Bristol Terrace River Walk located on Platts Mill Rd (IW #07-10), Naugatuck, CT. Applicant: Bristol Terrace and Naugatuck River Revival Group.

Mary Davis stated the site walk was not done due to the bad weather. She felt they should not go out until April when the weather will be better. She said they are probably just doing minor clean up work at this time of the season.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Yearly election of officers.

Mary Davis said that if any of the appointed officers do not want to continue doing the job they are doing then they should say so at this time.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Joseph Bakstis and seconded by Rosemary Bertotti that the officers presently seated continue to do so for 2008. Mary Davis as the chair, Sally MacKenzie as the secretary, and Joseph Bakstis as the vice chair.

Keith Rosenfeld noted that the Board of Burgess is acting on an alternate for the Commission tonight.

- B. Position of Vincent Friel on Wetland Commission Board.

Mary Davis stated there is a problem that Vincent Friel has not officially resigned from the board. She noted in the ordinance it states if a Commissioner misses 3 consecutive meetings without just reason the Commission can vote to remove them from the board. She noted the position will stay open unless they vote. She said she wanted a letter sent to the Mayor letting him know and requesting the position be filled.

At this point Mary Davis noted that this item was officially added to the agenda with unanimous agreement from the Commission.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Mary Davis to send a letter to the Mayor that this Commission has agreed to have Vincent Friel be removed from the board and request the unexpired term to be filled with another person.

C. Change the date of the April Inland Wetland Meeting.

This item was unanimously added to the agenda.

Mary Davis stated she would like to change the April meeting to the 9th and that would then make it a special meeting.

The Commission unanimously agreed to change the date.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

A. Discussion regarding Administrative Approval for property located on the corner of Spencer Street and Elm Street. Applicant: Chemtura Corporation. Keith Rosenfeld said the applicant is looking into subdividing the property. He stated there are no wetlands on the property and the activity that is being proposed would have no effect on wetlands. The town is looking to obtain open space and municipal land from this applicant. This approval would allow for the sale of the property. Mary Davis said she was fine with this administrative approval and the Commission agreed.

B. Discussion regarding Administrative Approval for Pennsylvania Steel located at end of cul de sac on Great Hill Road. Applicant: Borghesi Building & Engineering.

Keith Rosenfeld stated the property is located in the Industrial Park. He did a wetland evaluation of the property. He showed the Commission a copy of the plans and reviewed them. He noted that he had met with the engineer and went out to the site. He stated there are no wetlands on the property and the activity that is being proposed would have no effect on wetlands.

Mary Davis stated the Commission agreed with his approval.

C. Discussion regarding Administrative Approval to reopen existing service station for property located on 5 Meadow Street. Applicant: Dennis Marchetti.

He stated there are no wetlands on the property and the activity that is being proposed would have no effect on wetlands. The lot is paved and the storm water retention will have to be accommodated for. He noted the Commission had received copies of the site plan. Mary Davis said the Commission was agreeable with his approval.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences to report.

7. WEO REPORT

No WEO report.

8. The December meeting minutes were tabled until next month.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Joseph Bakstis and seconded by Rosemary Bertotti the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /rb