

**Inland Wetland Commission
Minutes of Site walk, August 12, 2008
Guntown Park, Naugatuck, CT
Formal complaint placed by Leonard C. Yannielli, in a letter dated 8/5/08**

Chairman Mary Davis initiated the walk-thru at 5:05 pm with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Lars Johnson
Jeff Hayden
Sally MacKenzi (Arrived 5:30pm)
Joe Bakstis (Arrived 5:30 pm)

OTHERS:

Jim Stewart, P.E. Borough Engineer
Michelle Ryan, P.E., Assistant Borough Engineer
Leonard C. Yannielli
Diana Raczkowski- Zoning Commission
Daniel Whitman
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The first location Mr. Yannielli pointed out to the Commission and Borough staff members was a location where an apple tree area, adjacent to Guntown Road, lead to a staircase down to existing walking trails. There he pointed out that the existing trails and silt fence have not been maintained by the Street Department.

The second location that Mr. Yannielli pointed out to the Commission and Borough staff was a location where recently 1-1/2-inch stone was placed for a permitted construction vehicle crossing and drainage. The silt fence was also recently replaced in this location. Mr. Yannielli explained that this was the location where a vernal pool once existed and claimed that the cleared entrance to the site at this location destroyed the vernal pool. He also showed a picture showing this specific site just previous to the placement of stone and replacement of silt fence. The picture showed puddling at the low point. Mr. Yannielli indicated the puddling is nature trying to recreate the vernal pool.

The third location that Mr. Yannielli pointed out to the Commission and Borough staff was a location under a small tree, with no natural grass and cover. Mr. Yannielli claimed that construction equipment was stored under the tree and caused the removal of the natural cover.

The fourth location that Mr. Yannielli pointed out to the Commission and Borough staff was the mowed grasses that paralleled the natural gas pipeline. The Commission and Borough staff walked the mowed path to the end where a small stream was located.

He also pointed out a second location in this area where he claimed heavy equipment created depressions in very wet soils. There was evidence of wild life / animals passing through the area. No ruts where pointed out.

The fifth location Mr. Yannielli pointed out to the Commission and Borough staff was an open area location below the road and above the mowed grasses. Here Mr. Yannielli pointed out that the area slopes towards the gasoline grasses. He stated that construction activities would pollute runoff that would end up in the stream down slope, and that the silt fence in this area was not maintained. He also stated how marshes and other types of wetlands are not only essential for wild life but provide educational benefits. (i.e. he mentioned that this specific location is a location where a play had been re-enacted).

We walked up-hill to a second location in this area where a dry sandy/gravel material was clearly visible.

At 5:30 pm, two commissioners, Joseph Bakstis and Sally MacKenzie arrived on site and went on a separate site walk with Mr. Yannielli and other members of the public.

Site walk ended at 6 pm.