

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING
June 5, 2019**

MEMBERS:

Tracy DeBarber, Chair
Marcia Puc, Vice- Chair
Carlos Batista, Secretary
Brian Moore
Kathleen Donovan- Arrived 6:20 PM
Wendyann Fowler, Alternate
Rui Costa, Alternate - Absent

OTHER:

Lori Rotella, Town Planner
Wayne Zirolli, Borough Engineer
Michelle Healy
Public - 0

1. Tracy DeBarber called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M. Tracy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, took attendance and placed Wendyann Fowler as a regular voting member in place of Kathleen Donovan and noted there was a quorum.
2. Review/Approval of the May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Brian Moore and seconded by Wendyann Fowler to **APPROVE** the Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2019 as written.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
4. **OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Commission discussion/decision regarding application for proposed foot path within the 100' Upland Review Area located within the development at 874 May Street (IW #19-02), Applicant: Yeshiva Ohr Hachaim.

Brian Baker, licensed engineer in Connecticut with Civil One Engineering. Mr. Baker explained how each phase of the project is coming along at 874 May Street. He went on to explain he is here on behalf of the applicant requesting approval on a 300 hundred foot long path (pedestrian path) from the residential area to the school area. There will be a Synagogue located in the school, which the residents will walk to because they do not drive on the Sabbath. The footpath would help a great deal to have a safe pathway. The path will cross over the wetlands area on its narrowest point. They will place 12 to 18 inches of stone and have floating grade beams on top of them, over the wetlands area. They will be using diamond pier footing placed in with a pneumatic hammer and use treks for the walkway. Concrete will not be used and it will be easy maintenance as well as easy removal, if necessary. This way they will not need to bring heavy equipment in to disturb the wetlands or take down any large trees. The commission discussed the diamond piers and asked Wayne if he has had previous experience with it. Wayne explained this would be his first experience with it and he is in favor of the project. Discussion took place on the amount of water that runs through the wetlands, chance of flooding, height off the ground, longevity of the path and maintenance as well as discussion on keeping the disturbance to the

wetlands as minimal as possible. Carlos applauded Civil One for taking on the extra expense to have minimal disturbance to the wetlands.

VOTED: 5-0-1 on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Brian Moore that on Inlands Wetlands application # 19-02 the Estates at 847 May Street is **NOT A SIGNIFICANT** impact to the wetlands.

FOR

Marcia Puc
Brian Moore
Carlos Batista
Tracy DeBarber
Wendyann Fowler

AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Kathleen Donovan

Tracey placed Kathleen Donovan as a regular voting member.

Additional items require a 2/3 vote of the commission

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Kathleen Donovan and seconded by Brian Moore to **ADD** to the agenda, 280 Elm Street.

Lori Rotella, WEO explained to the commission when they came before the commission in September, Woodward & Curran, INC. was seeking approval for hand obtained samples, now they are requesting samples by installing two 2” in diameter by 15’ feet wells. The work is expected to take two to three days. They are asking to submit this as an administrative approval instead of a new application. The commission had a detailed discussion on the process and what would need to take place, as well as possible disturbance so close to the river. The commission feels a new application needs to come before them.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Eversource Energy

Lori Rotella, WEO explained they received a response from Eversource Energy regarding the questions on notification to the public that Carlos had requested. A brief discussion took place on the procedure. The commission was satisfied with the information and was in favor to remove this item from future agendas regarding this matter.

7. **WEO REPORT**

Kathleen Donovan removed herself at 7:01 P.M.

A. 45 High Street

Lori explained they have not visited the property this week but everything has been the same with the property on all the previous visits. They agreed to have this kept on the agenda and have Lori and Wayne Zirolli, Borough Engineer continue to visit the site.

B. 40 Nicole Drive

Lori explained 22 arborvitae trees have been planted and the work on the property has been completed. Lori showed the commission pictures of the completed property and the commissioners are very happy with the results and all agreed to remove from the agenda.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- A. Ratification of Administrative Approval for proposed Recycling Center to be located at the end of School St., Ext., Applicant: Borough of Naugatuck

Wayne Zirolli, Borough Engineer gave a detailed overview of the project. He explained there is interest in the current site of the Recycling Center on Rubber Avenue and there are not many parcels large enough to house such a facility. The proposed site of the new Recycling Center will be at the end of School Street Ext. The road would need to be widened to reach the Recycling Center. It will house 8 bays (bins) for recycling as well as boxes for mattresses and electronics. A swap shop building is also on the proposal with an office for attendants. A space for recycling leaves is being proposed. No compactors are proposed at this point. Discussion took place on removal of the bins when full as well as the location of the wetlands, which are not within the uplands review area. There will be enough space for two cars at each bin.

- B. **VOTED: Unanimously** on a motion by Kathleen Donovan and seconded by Brian Moore to **RATIFY** the Administrative Approval for the proposed Recycling Center to be located at the end of School St., Ext., Applicant: Borough of Naugatuck

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Kathleen Donovan and seconded by Marcia Puc to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlos Batista, Secretary / mlh