

INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2011

Commission Chair Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Joseph Bakstis, Absent
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary
Marcia Puc
Alex Olbrys
Lars Johnson, Alternate, Absent

OTHER:

Keith Rosenfeld, Town Planner, WEO
Sue Goggin, Secretary
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1. Commissioner Davis took attendance and noted there was a quorum. She opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Executive Session with Borough Attorney. There was no Executive Session.
3. There was no public comment.
4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission discussion for activities at 815 Maple Hill Rd., Owner: Matthew and Tracy DeBarber.

Mrs. DeBarber, of 815 Maple Hill Road, stated her name and address for the record. Keith showed the commission new pictures of the property that he had taken. Mary asked if everything had been planted and if Keith had done an inspection. Keith said that 97% of the plantings had done. The commissioners looked over pictures. Keith gave the commissioners the original plan to repair the wetlands on the DeBarber property. Mrs. DeBarber said that the silt fences are still in place, the plantings are stabilized and the banks of the pond are also stabilized. Mary thanked Mrs. DeBarber for working with the commission. The commission agreed to take the DeBarbers off the agenda. Mrs. DeBarber wanted to be sure that they were clear. Keith said he will follow up with a formal letter to the DeBarbers and the commission. No other discussion took place.

- B. Report from Borough Engineer regarding storm water/drainage issues located within the Union City Road neighborhood.

Wayne said he has been working with Mr. Savarese. He met with Mr. Savarese and showed him the concrete flared end outlet that they want to use. Mr. Savarese liked the option and said it would be acceptable. Wayne said upon approval of the commission, the street department would install the pipe. Mary asked when it would be installed. Wayne said potentially this fall. Mr. Savarese, of 145 Union City Rd, wanted to reinforce other flooding problems in the area. Ronald White, of 157 East Waterbury Road, explained the problems he's having with the pond on his property. The pond doesn't have the capacity it used to due to silt is draining into pond, so it overflows in heavy rains. Wayne has been working with him to try to resolve the issues. Mr. White is concerned about the quality of his well water. He doesn't want to drink from it. The family is drinking bottled water or boiling it. Mary said he should have it tested. Mary asked Mr. Savarese if he thinks they should have Southwest Conservation come in and do an inspection. Joe said yes. Jeremiah Weed, of 139 Union City Rd, stated his name and address for the record. He said he bought his house in October 1999. In 2005, he first noticed flooding problems, after a 100 year storm which flooded his house. The runoff from Mr. Savarese's and Mr. White's ponds end up in his yard. Wayne needs to contact Southwest to do an inspection and report. A discussion ensued regarding putting in oil separators. Wayne said that as far as storm water in town, they are beginning to get a handle on it. As the coordinator, Wayne has to report to the DEEP annually on flooding and drainage issues. So far, he has put together a list of drainage issues and is working with the street dept to rectify them. He is also mapping the town's drainage system and detention basins and working on a plan for detention basin maintenance. He will continue to work with the street department, compiling lists and enforcing the maintenance plans. Mary asked that the oil separator be put on the to-do list. Mr. Savarese said that the commission has been doing a very good job for the past 2-3 years. Mr. White asked if Rado Drive would be the first to get an oil separator. Wayne said it has only been approved for Gail Drive so far. Mr. White said that Wayne has been a real advocate and has been doing a great job. Mary said they will stay on the agenda until the commission is happy with it. No other discussion took place.

- C. Commission discussion/decision regarding flooding of property on Rubber Avenue adjacent to Long Meadow Pond Brook, owned by Mrs. Shirley Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson, of 30 Joseph Rd, stated her name and address for the record. She asked if anything's been done. Mary said she and Keith and Wayne met with the Kingsmark ERT representatives to discuss the

problem. The Kingmark representatives then walked the area to see exactly what they would be reviewing. Next she will see if she has enough participating members to put a team together, necessary for a report. Keith said the representatives were very interested in helping the town. She said it would take about 3-4 weeks to put together a team, once it's assembled. A discussion ensued regarding sandbagging and whether or not it would work and where the supplies would come from. Keith said he would look into it. Shirley believes the town is responsible. Mary replied that they are working on it. Shirley asked to be informed of what's happening. Mary said they will keep her on the agenda. No other discussion took place.

- D. Inland Wetland Violation occurring at 381 Rubber Avenue, A Better Way Wholesale Auto, LLC, Owner: Joseph Gorbecki.

Keith showed the commission the receipts he received from A Better Way. The last set received had letterhead from Variety Detail. The commission was happy with the formal receipts.

- E. Inland Wetland violations at 60 Gunntown Rd. Owner: William Werner.

Keith said he sent an e-mail to Jim Stewart asking the status. Jim said they haven't been able to do the work yet because the ground has been too wet. Mary said they will keep this item on the agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commission discussion/decision regarding Housing Authority property flooding.

Keith said he had written to Benchmark asking them to clean the area of the detention pond. Wayne said he hadn't completed his report on the detention pond at D'Arcangelo. He said he will have something at the next meeting. Mary asked if the detention pond was operating properly. Wayne replied that it appeared to be. Mary said they would leave it on the agenda for awhile. Mary recognized that Kevin Knowles, of 157 Park Avenue, executive director of the Naugatuck Housing Authority, was in the audience. Mr. Knowles explained that in 2006 there was a great water spill that did damage to the housing authority property. Then he said that several weeks ago, water had come down and washed away some of the rip rap. Mr. Knowles said that they are going to look into fixing it, but they have been busy with other things right now. He would like to meet with Wayne and a contractor to see exactly what should be done to fix it. Mary explained that he needs to have a plan to show the commission and Wayne before the repairs can be done. Mr. Knowles said he will speak to Wayne early next week. Mary said that Wayne is researching the detention

pond above the Housing Authority to see if improvements can be made. Wayne said he will walk the whole brook to check it out. Mary said they need to resolve the problem the best they can. No other discussion took place.

- B. Commission discussion/decision regarding the site walk at 67 Longview Terrace regarding damage to driveway caused by flooding of the brook next to property.

Keith said the resident has not come in to discuss the problem. Mary said they will take this item off the agenda until the homeowner files an application.

- C. Workshop on current legislation affecting the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses.

The workshop will take place once the meeting is over.

- D. Additional items requiring a 2/3 vote.

Approved unanimously on a motion by Sally MacKenzie and seconded by Alex Olbrys, to add the Record Subdivision Plan of Chrzanowski Land, at 380-384 North Main Street, to the agenda. Attorney McVerry, of 35 Porter Avenue, on behalf of Peter Chrzanowski, is seeking administrative approval to split the remaining parcel between the two buildings at 380-384 North Main Street. Attorney McVerry said there will be no grading or site development, they only want to divide the property. Keith reported that there are no watercourses or wetlands within 100 feet of the property. Attorney McVerry said that the closest watercourse is the Naugatuck River which is 400 feet from the property. Mary asked Wayne if he saw any problems. Wayne said he has no concerns. No other discussion took place.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Sally MacKenzie and seconded by Marcia Puc, to **APPROVE** the Record Subdivision Plan of Chrzanowski Land, per section 12.1.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

7. WEO REPORT

- A. Autohaus Property Progress, IW #08-08, 393 Rubber Avenue

Keith said there is no progress and he will report next month.

B. Property of M. Dmuchowski Inspection, 45 High Street

Wayne reported that the area was excavated and a berm was constructed on the side of the garage and a grate installed in front of the pipe. He said the area just need to be maintained. Keith said that he spoke with a neighbor who offered to make sure the grate is cleaned out. No other discussion took place. Wayne will report next month.

C. Pondside Condominiums Inspection, Mill Street

Keith said the pipe is working well and the whole area is cleaned out. He will report next month.

D. Potential Inland Wetland Violations at Mountview Plaza

Keith said he sent a letter to Attorney Salvatore, confirming the last meeting notes. He also showed the commission pictures of the catch basins at Mountview Plaza. He said there is an active drainage system on the property. Attorney Salvatore said the catch basins were being maintained as far as he knew. He gave the commission an update on the culvert repair at Mountview Plaza. The company making the pipe gave him a ship date of 10/21, so he anticipates activity in the next week. They will update the maintenance plan to include the whole brook along the Mancinone property, not just the one area where the brook flooded. Keith said he will monitor this and report at the next meeting. Mary thought that they should be able to replace the curbing at the same time that they are paving over the repaired culvert. She also said the commission does not need Attorney Salvatore to come to the next meeting, but they will be kept on the agenda until the curbing is in and the clean up of the brook is done. Keith will send correspondence following up and ensuring that the work is done. He will send a letter with the following requirements: curbing repaired, litter in brook cleaned up, maintenance schedule on the plans. No other discussion took place.

8. **Review/Approval** of September 13, 2011 site walk minutes, September 7, 2011 meeting minutes, August 3, 2011 meeting minutes and July 6, 2011 Show Cause Hearing.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Alex Olbrys to **APPROVE** the September 13, 2011 Site Walk minutes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Alex Olbrys and seconded by Sally MacKenzie to **APPROVE** the September 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Sally MacKenzie to **APPROVE** the July 6, 2011 Show Cause Hearing minutes.

The August 3, 2011 Meeting minutes were tabled to the November 2, 2011 meeting.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

There was no administrative business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Alex Olbrys and seconded by Marcia Puc to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /sg