

**INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION
CONTINUED SHOW CAUSE HEARING
A Better Way Wholesale Auto, LLC, Joseph Gorbecki
381 Rubber Avenue
August 3, 2011**

Commission Chair Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. with the following in attendance noting that there was a quorum:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Joseph Bakstis, Vice Chair
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary
Marcia Puc
Lars Johnson, alternate, absent
Alex Olbrys, absent

OTHER:

Keith Rosenfeld, Town Planner, WEO
Sue Goggin, Secretary

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The Show Cause Hearing was for the IW violation occurring at 381 Rubber Ave, A Better Way Wholesale Auto, LLC, Joseph Gorbecki, owner. Mary stated that last month they had a meeting without anyone from A Better Way Auto here. They read into the record what the DEP had reported in their inspection. They discovered that vehicles were being washed at the car wash up the street. Mary asked the manager of A Better Way Auto to state his name and address for the record. He stated it as Jeff Ferry, 381 Rubber Avenue. He apologized for Joe's absence and said he came to assure the commission that they are not washing cars at 381 Rubber Avenue. He said he could present receipts for the car wash near Stop & Shop. He said they are vacuuming only and that there's no water involved. Mary said that Keith can collect the receipts for the car washing on a monthly basis. Jeff said a few cars were sent to Variety Car Wash because of the heavy volume over the weekend. Keith said that they can make copies of the receipts. They agreed upon a six month time frame for A Better Way to provide receipts as proof of using the car wash. Sally asked if the owner was looking into putting in a separator. Jeff said he is looking into different options. Mary asked why he decided not to use the facility at the other location, 423 Rubber Avenue, because they have an oil separator there. There is a lot of traffic at that location. It is used for customer parking, service and maintenance. Jeff was under the impression that Brian Lee, the previous owner, had a pre-existing agreement. Mary asked what kind of agreement. Jeff said he didn't realize there were rules when Brian Lee owned the store. Mary said that anyone that purchases a facility like that should be aware of what they are allowed to do. Jeff explained how the business has grown dramatically and it is a bit of an inconvenience, but we will comply if we have to. Mary said that the commission's decision is that they are going to get the receipts for the vehicles mailed weekly to the Land Use office. Also, Keith should be

doing spot checks. Mary said it should be kept on the agenda for six months under “Old Business”. They do not have to come back to the meetings as long as they are complying. There was no other discussion.