

**INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2012**

Commission Chair Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**MEMBERS:**

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

**OTHER:**

Keith Rosenfeld, Town Planner, WEO  
Sue Goggin  
Jim Stewart, Director of Public Works  
Wayne Zirolli, Borough Engineer

1. Commission Chair Mary Davis took attendance and noted there was a quorum. Tracy DeBarber was made a voting member in place of Joseph Bakstis. She opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Commission discussion/decision and determination of significance regarding regulated activities for the Naugatuck Pedestrian Greenway Phase I State Project # 87-143 (IW # 12-05), Naugatuck, CT. Applicant: Borough of Naugatuck

Matthew Sanford, professional wetlands scientist and associate with Milone and MacBroom, began by explaining that the project begins at the Maple Street Bridge and goes upstream to the General Pulaski Bridge. He said the majority of the work will be along the left bank of the river in Linden Park and along the General Pulaski Bridge. He said there are several different regulated areas on the site. The first one is the Naugatuck River, which in terms of a federal limit, it has the ordinary high water mark and that's all the way along the river. In addition to that, they have state wetland lines. He said they are very dry soils and therefore do not qualify as being alluvial floodplain soils. He said in addition to that they have a FEMA designated floodway and a 100 year flood plain that parallels the river along the left bank. On top of that there is the 100' review area which is another regulated area. There is also a state regulated area which is the stream channel encroachment line which also runs along this particular section of the Naugatuck River. So there are many different regulated activities and resources on the site. They applied for a stream channel encroachment line permit through the DEEP and received the permit about 2 ½ months ago. In addition to that, the CT DOT applied for a flood and management certificate through the DEEP because they are the major funding source. This permit was also received about 2 ½ months ago. There is an area of about 273 square feet that will be impacted. Mike Doherty, landscape architect for Milone and MacBroom, reviewed the L.A. sheets that were given to the commission with the application. He gave an overview of the improvements that will be done with the project. At the entrance to Linden

Park, there is a triangle of concrete which will be taken up to allow for a walkway to connect the bridge to Linden Park. The majority of that section will be replaced with lawn and ornamental trees. They are proposing a small concrete sidewalk to an overlook area, which will be a concrete paver circle with a rail and a bench. They are also proposing a concrete ramp system to allow users to get from the bituminous path to a level lawn area which will connect to a stone dust path near the river. Next, they are proposing planting shade trees along a sunny spot along the trail. They will be removing invasive species and clearing some of the branches to provide a better view of the river. There is another bituminous area which will be removed except for the portion that holds the storage shed, which holds materials for park maintenance. They will be replacing the top of a steel bin wall with a new concrete bin wall with a 54" height steel picket fence on top of that. They will need to clear into the wetlands slightly to build these. They will be building a new trail 10' wide on top of the flood wall. They also have to put up another wall to hold up the on ramp. They will then connect to the sidewalk and build a small rest area with some benches, bike racks and maps of the area. The bridge itself is a regulated activity because it is within the stream channel encroachment lines. The bridge will be getting a new railing put on top. There will be 12' tall decorative light posts along the bridge. At the Polish American Club they are going to create a concrete sidewalk to tie into what's there now, so there will be a continuous path. They will be working in the waterway to clear the debris from the base of the General Pulaski Bridge. Jim Stewart explained that the project is 80% funded by the State of Connecticut. He said they would like to start as soon as possible. The commission had positive comments regarding the project. They agreed that there would be very little disturbance to the river.

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Alex Olbrys and seconded by Tracy DeBarber that the Inland Wetlands Commission finds that Phase I of the State Project #87-143 (IW12-05) is **NOT** a significant activity.

Mary asked if there were any questions. Jim Stewart said there were several public meetings and no one expressed any concerns. All of the comments were positive. There was no further discussion.

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Alex Olbrys to **APPROVE** Phase I of Project #87-143 (IW 12-05) with general conditions for working near wetlands.

3. Adjournment

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Mary Davis and seconded by Alex Olbrys to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /sg