

**INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2015**

Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 6:15 PM with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Mary Davis, Chair
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary, Absent
Marcia Puc
Tracy DeBarber
Mark Bakstis, Absent
Lars Johnson, Alternate, Absent

OTHER:

James Stewart, Director of Public Works
Sue Goggin, Secretary
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1. Mary Davis called this meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. She 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. Public comment
There was no public comment.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Long Meadow Pond Brook ERT Study

Mary said this item is postponed temporarily due to lack of staffing. Sue will check to see if Wayne has any new information. They will keep this on the agenda.

B. Commission discussion regarding an existing Commercial Outdoor Automobile Storage (IW#14-01) located at the Risdon Property, Arch Street, Scott Road, Andrew Avenue and Rubber Avenue; Applicant: A Better Way Wholesale Auto.

Sue Goggin said she let Joe Gorbecki know about the leaves in the catch basins, but hadn't had a chance to go out and look at them. She will be there before the next meeting.

C. Commission discussion/decision regarding application for proposed propane facility at 410 Rubber Avenue (IW #14-11), Applicant: Thurston Energy

Mary Davis said they received a new report from Wayne. She noted Wayne's comments regarding the rain garden for the record. Jim Stewart felt that the size of the rain garden was appropriate.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Tracy DeBarber to **APPROVE** application for a propane facility at 410 Rubber Avenue (IW #14-11) as of map dated 11/28/14 with conditions.

- D. Commission discussion/decision regarding application for demolition of building at 1 South Main Street (IW #14-14), Applicant: Borough of Naugatuck

Jim Stewart explained that there is not a basement to the building. They will not have to dig deep to clean up the foundation. He said the items that the commission requested had been added to the sequence of events. Gary Waters, Weise Construction, said they are hoping to start on January 28th or 29th. He and Jim had a discussion over utility removals. There was a discussion over the type of heating that was used for the building. It was determined that there is no oil tank on the property. Jim said there was a study done that found that there was no underground storage on the site.

VOTED: Unanimously on motion by Marcia Puc and seconded by Tracy DeBarber to **APPROVE** application for demolition of building at 1 South Main Street (IW #14-14), Applicant: Borough of Naugatuck

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Commission discussion regarding notice of vegetative management by CL&P on selected electric rights-of-way in Naugatuck.

Sue explained that the Land Use office received the packet that the commission was given from CL&P. The commission looked at the map of where the vegetative management is scheduled to occur. The commission looked at the map and where the wetlands are located. Sue said based on Wayne's comments she thought the terrain was pretty rough. Jim said they need to be able to get to the lines in the event of an outage. The commission expressed concern over the timing of the spraying because of the bees, butterflies and birds. There was a discussion over writing a letter to CL&P to notify them that the wetlands commission wants them to use extreme caution in the wetland areas. This item will stay on the agenda.

- B. Additional items require a 2/3 vote of the Commission.

There were no additional items.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

7. **WEO REPORT**

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

Sue said she went through the zoning file as well as the wetlands file for the storage building and both permits are valid through 2017. She said Keith sent them violation letters and she wasn't sure if they were based on not having done all the work they were supposed to do by the conditions of the approval or because of harm they could be causing to the wetlands. Mary said she thought it was sent before they realized there was an extension. Tracy said she thought the notices of violation

were sent because they were supposed to remove the trailers as soon as the storage building was built. Sue said one thing that the site plan says is that they will be eliminating outside storage with the new building. The building inspector told Sue that they had three vehicles delivered yesterday and they are parked right up against the bank of the brook. Marcia asked how they can get the cars out of that area. Sue said she could send him a letter with a copy of the site plan showing where he is not supposed to be parking. The commission would like a notice of violation sent to them. She will send it to Mary for input. Jim said they should get another violation going with accumulating fines. He said they should come up with someone for the mayor to appoint to the citation hearing board. Mary was hoping that Attorney Fitzpatrick could lump this together with the building inspector's issues. Sue will write a notice of violation and let him know he has to come to the next meeting. Mary's concern is that they are not going to listen to them. Sue will write them a violation notice asking them to move the cars within 10 days. The commission would like to ask Attorney Fitzpatrick to come to the April meeting to discuss. Sue will ask him and also find out if a lien can be placed on the property.

B. Dmuchowski Property, 45 High Street

Sue said she was notified by the bank that the property had been purchased from the bank. The new owner is aware of the flooding problems and the garage. Wayne said he knows the new property owner and can make some suggestions to him. Jim said he suggested to the new property owner to open the floor and install a new 24' pipe.

C. Naugatuck HS Renovation (IW#12-04) (Water quality testing results)

Sue said the results of the water testing showed no contamination to the brook. Mary said the testing will be done in May and November of 2015.

D. Chemical spraying of brush by street department.

Sue explained that she and Jim and Wayne drove to the areas on the map that is targeted for spraying. They eliminated many areas that are close to wetlands or watercourses that can be cut rather than sprayed. Sue showed them the original map and the map showing what was taken away. The commission was happy with the reduction. Jim said they need to update their cutting map to include the spots they eliminated from spraying.

8. **Review/Approval** of the December 3, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Tracy DeBarber and seconded by Marcia Puc to **APPROVE** the December 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Tracy DeBarber and seconded by Marcia Puc to **APPROVE** the December 3, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes as written.

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

There was no administrative business.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Tracy DeBarber and seconded by Marcia Puc to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /sg