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The special meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency was held on **Tuesday, October 23, 2007** at the Town Hall.

Present for the Board: Heather Gilmond, Chair; Kevin Harrington; Muriel Miller; Bob Burgoyne, Alternate seated for Daniel Rioux.

Absent: Martin Mlyniec, Secretary; Phoebe Huang; Daniel Rioux; Alternate Laurie Pribble.

Staff and Others Present: John Valente, WEO; and Marti Squires, Recording Secretary.

Chair Gilmond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discuss and Action pertaining to: 1.) improvements initiated by the Town of Hampton to Old Town Pound Road, 2.) significant impact to the wetlands, and 3.) permit granted to Goodwin Trails Subdivision, Marc Ayotte.

Chair Gilmond stated that she had spoken with ZEO Martha Fraenkel, October 11, 2007, and was informed that the Town was requesting that a bus turn-around be incorporated in the area of Lot #1 of Goodwin Trails Subdivision. It was suggested that the bus turn-around may have been built. John Valente reported that he had visited the site on October 13, 2007, to discover that there had been improvements to Old Town Pound Road and the bus turn-around had been built. Valente stated that the improvements were not built according to the approved plan, the road was 20 feet wide not 12 feet wide, the neighboring wetlands were filled, the culvert/drainage system was not installed, and there were several other inconsistencies. Valente also stated that First Selectman Bisson, Chair Gilmond and himself met October 16, 2007, on site to discuss and review the improvements made to Old Town Pound Road, and the bus turn-around. First Selectman Bisson stated that former WEO Harold Haraghey said that the town was exempt from the IWWA permit process and that the Town was not required to obtain permits for road construction. First Selectman Bisson further stated that the improvements made to Old Town Pound Road are the Town's responsibility by right of ownership and the bus turn-around is required by statute. First Selectman Bisson stressed that the road improvements were not complete and inquired as to the procedure of completing the improvements for safety reasons. First Selectman Bisson confirmed that he is willing, on behalf of the Town, to correct the errors and to work with WEO John Valente.

Discussion continued regarding the permit process. It was suggested that Mr. Ayotte's permit could be modified or that segments of the permit specifically relating to the improvements to Old Town Pound Road could be transferred to the Town. Mr. Ayotte stated that easements would be granted in favor of the Town of Hampton for the bus turn-around and for the drainage system, however these easements were not shown on the site plans dated June 1, 2007, revised August 9, 2007.

Until the drainage easement has been granted to the Town, Mr. Ayotte will be responsible for the stone filter/berm and the Town will be responsible for the rip rap and the culvert. It was indicated that the Town would need an easement in order

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for the bus turn-around to be maintained by the Town. First Selectman Bisson stated that the pipe would be completed in approximately 4 to 5 months as the pipe needs to be ordered. It was stated that the culvert installation should be completed sooner and those details should be considered with WEO Valente. The importance of filing accurate mylars with the Town was discussed.

A meeting will be scheduled with Chair Gilmond, WEO Valente, First Selectman Bisson and Mr. Ayotte to review the latest revised site plans, determine the responsibilities of each party, and to establish the direction as to proceed.

The Commission gave First Selectman Bisson permission to accomplish the tasks that should be completed for safety.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Gilmond adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Squires

Recording Secretary