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Regular Meeting – December 6, 2016
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The Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at the Town Office Building.

Stan Crawford called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the Board: Stan Crawford; Muriel Miller; Marti Mlyniec; Dave Goodrich.

Staff and Others Present: John Valente, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Dayna McDermott-Arriola, Recording Secretary.

Item 1: Audience for Citizens: none.

Item 2: Additions to the Agenda:

Motion: Muriel Miller, seconded by Dave Goodrich, to add, under New Business, the Application of Peter Thurlow to the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of November 17, 2016

Motion: Muriel Miller, seconded by Marti Mlyniec, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Old Business

1. Application of Mickey Pankaj Patel LLC, 396 Hartford Turnpike, Agent Robert DeLuca P.E. CLA Engineering. Application for the conversion of existing structure to a Convenience Store/ Gas Station with storm water discharge and the storage and fueling of construction vehicles within 30 feet of Wetlands “The Upland Review Area”.

Bob Russo of CLA Engineering presented revisions to the storm water management plan for the paved area, aside from the space accommodated by a 1500 gallon tank beneath the covered gasoline dispensers. The plan was revised to include an additional catch basin for collecting and treating storm water from the remaining paved area prior to its discharge to a septic system across the highway. John Valente reviewed the chronology that led to the development of the plan, originating with concerns that the Advanced Drainage System was insufficient for the purposes of the site. The installation of a holding tank under the canopied dispensers to deal with debris and gasoline spills, to be periodically monitored based on the recommendations of professional inspectors, and an additional catch basin to treat the remaining storm water, satisfies the mutual goal of the agency and the applicant to eliminate the possibility of contamination of neighboring properties. Mr. Russo also addressed the issue of the soil disturbance recently discovered near the property’s wetlands. The mitigation plan presented includes removing the eroded soil, slowing the velocity of storm water in the area with a splash pad, and clearing the basins of sediment and invasive weeds. Erosion mats or mulch will be immediately employed to stabilize the soil until the area is re-planted, and vacuuming the catch basins will become part of the regular maintenance at the site.

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Item 4: New Business

1. Application of Peter Thurlow, 89 North Bigelow Road. Proposed Activity: removal of earth for gravel mining of a maximum of 20,000 cubic yards; subdivision of a nine acre lot into two lots, one with existing residence and one for proposed development; and the construction of a single family dwelling, septic system, well, driveway and site grading in connection with lot development.

Marti Mlyniec, adjoining property owner, recused himself from discussion of the application.

Surveyor Paul Terwilliger, representing Applicant Peter Thurlow, presented a plan to remove existing gravel knolls and to subdivide the nine acre parcel into two lots. No activity will take place on slopes leading to the wetlands that border the property, and a berm will be retained to protect the wetlands so that there is no opportunity to contaminate them as a result of excavating the gravel. John Valente reported a complaint lodged questioning the impact of the gravel excavation on the wetlands and the fact that soil was spilled on the street. Mr. Valente will contact the complainant after inspecting the site to ascertain that there exists no potential impact on the wetlands, that silt fencing is installed, and that the street is swept. Mr. Thurlow submitted a check for \$435 to cover related fees.

Item 6: No Permit Necessary: no report.

Item 7: WEO Report

1. Monthly Report: Mr. Valente reported on a Notification of Timber Harvest on East Old Route 6.
2. Duly Authorized Agent Report: none.

Item 8: Communications:

Connecticut Wildlife Magazine September/October 2016
Registry of Soil Scientists, 2016

Item 9: Discuss and Act on any other Business: none.

Item 10: Audience for Citizens:

Conservation Commission Chairman Randy Thompson asked the potential amount of gravel to be excavated at the Thurlow property. According to Mr. Terwilliger, a maximum of 20,000 cubic yards of gravel will be removed.

Item 11: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Agency, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayna McDermott-Arriola
Recording Secretary

