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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Steve Plotkin, Ralph Noel, Kevin Stanis

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement
Officer, Eric Swift, Nafis & Young

Chairman Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Town of Seymour, Skate Park, 5 Pine Street.

Don Smith was present representing the Town of Seymour and Mike Horbal, member of the Skate Park Committee. Mr. Smith stated that the proposed skate park will be construction at the field next to the Community Center. He stated that they have developed a long range master plan for the area. Next to the skate park will be an earthen berm. There is the possibility of having a river walk and also a parking area for 11 spaces. There is also room for a playscape area. He stated that at this time they are concentrating on the skate park and berm. The skate park will be in the northeast corner and there are approximately 4600 s.f. of wetlands along the Naugatuck River. The parking is within the 100' upland review area. He stated that they will be stripping some materials which will be used for the berm. Mr. Plotkin asked the reason for the berm and Mr. Smith stated that they found that there were levels of arsenic present in the field. They will be stripping the soil and using it for the berm which will be much easier than taking the materials off site. The berm will also divert some of the noise from the skate park. The levels of arsenic are not that high to present any risks and once stripped and used on the berm there will be no issues. There will be a silt fence around the area next to the chin link fence.

Mr. Smith stated that as part of the application to the State they were required to look at the Natural Diversity Data Base Maps. They received a letter from DEEP that this area has bald eagles and no work could be done from December 31st to August. He stated that they plan on doing the work from August to October.

Mr. Plotkin asked about the drainage and Mr. Smith stated that there is no storm drainage system. The way that the park is pitched the runoff will go into the berm or out onto the field. Mr. Noel asked about the arsenic when they are stripping the soil and Mr. Smith stated that it will be monitored and kept wet and will be moved quickly and covered. The levels are not high enough to cause any problems.

Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission will waive the fee to the Town but there is a \$60.00 fee to DEEP which cannot be waived.

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MOTION: R. Noel/K.Stanis to accept the application as complete.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: R. Noel/K. Stanis to grant the permit for the Skate Park,
5 Pine Street.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Seymour Land Conservation Trust, 13 Chatfield Street, Remove Deck, Shore Stabilization, Limited Pond Dredging.

Don Smith and Mike Horbal were present representing Seymour Land Trust. Mr. Smith stated that they did some bank stabilization in the northern corner. They are currently working on construction of retaining wall. The silt fence is in place. Phase 3 of the project is the wood deck and fishing pier. There are some concerns about the footings in the water. He stated that they looked at those and also the railing around the deck. The deck was originally to be handicap accessible but the railing is only 29" high. There is a large sandbar right in front of the deck so it doesn't work well as a fishing spot. They are proposing to take the deck down and reach out into the pond and take out about 50 yards of materials that creates the sandbar. He stated that underneath the deck is a rubble stone wall. They will use concrete blocks from the other side along the existing stone wall. This will give a level walkway and provide more access rather than the deck. Mr. Plotkin asked about the railing and Mr. Smith stated that it is not needed. He stated that water from Chatfield Street is coming onto this site and he has spoken with DPW about getting a new apron installed. Mr. Plotkin stated that the fee will be waived but they will still have to pay the \$60.00 fee to the DEEP.

MOTION: R. Noel/K. Stanis to accept the application as complete.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: R. Noel/K. Stanis to grant the permit for Seymour Land
Conservation Trust, 13 Chatfield Street.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Wetlands Violation – 28 Moss Avenue

Adam Lieder was present and stated that he received a call from Mr Jezierny about the tree work that he was doing. He stated that he did not know about the stream and was also contacted by the property owner that there were wetlands on the property.

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Mr. Plotkin stated that it is important to always check the area and the homeowner should have been aware of the wetlands. He stated that this type of work needs to be overseen by the Commission. Mr. Lieder stated that the work was done last fall and this is the first time he was made aware of any issues. Mr. Plotkin stated that he would like to have town counsel present to look at the regulations and advise the Commission on how to proceed. He stated that there should be some type of remediation plan. Mr. Jezierny stated that he will contact Atty. Stanek regarding this matter. Mr. Plotkin stated that an application should be filed and the property owner will get a letter from the attorney.

MOTION: K. Stanis/R. Noel to add the following items to the agenda:
1. Trees to be cut for sewer work on Naugatuck River;
2. Environmental damage from FWD vehicles into Sochrin's Pond
Motion Carried 3-0.

Trees to be cut for sewer work on Naugatuck River

Eric Swift, Nafis & Young stated that over the years trees have grown over and onto the pipes in the River. One of the pipes has a complete blockage. There is a steep embankment in that area and they will have to remove some trees in order to get to the ones in the River and remove them. Mr. Plotkin suggested that they use a crane from the parking lot to get to the trees and this way they would not have to cut down any trees. Mr. Swift stated that the pipe will have to be repaired and they will need to get equipment in there for that work. Mr. Plotkin stated that it is important to limit the number of trees that have to come out. Mr. Swift stated that there is a channel in the River that needs to be protected while any work is being done and they want to do it in the safest way. Mr. Plotkin stated that this is an emergency situation and the work needs to get done.

Sochrin's Pond Damage

Mr. Jezierny stated that two jeeps were driven around the area and into the pond. He stated that the two individuals responsible for this damage have been arrested. Mr. Swift stated that the damages done are approximately \$4,900.00 to repair. Mr. Plotkin felt that town council should draft a letter from the Commission that we expect all damages to be repaired and paid for based on recommendations from Nafis & Young. Mr. Jezierny stated that he was sure if there was anything in the regulations that would cover this. Mr. Plotkin stated that the damages changed the watercourse and did damage to the wetlands. He felt that town council should review the regulations and fine structure.

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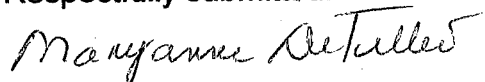
Minutes Regular Meeting, April 22, 2013.

MOTION: R. Noel/K. Stanis to approve the minutes of the 4/22/13 meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: K.Stanis/R. Noel adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried: 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maryanne DeTullio".

Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary