

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Bill Banks, Steve Plotkin, John Conroy, Ralph Noel,
Elise Wood

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement
Officer

Chm. Banks called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: J. Conroy/S. Plotkin, to add to the agenda Land Trust property
Motion Carried 5-0.

Building Lot, 17 Smith Haven Drive

Dawn Ryan, 17 Smith Haven Drive stated that she owns two parcels of land, one with a house on it and the adjacent vacant lot. She is in the process of selling her home and wants to split the lots. She stated that she discovered that the vacant lot is listed as wetlands. She was unaware of this and stated that when she purchased the lot as a building lot. Mr. Conroy asked when she purchased the property and Mrs. Ryan indicated that it was in 1971. Mr. Conroy stated that was prior to wetlands being instituted, which was in 1972 and this property will be grandfathered in. He stated that a letter could be generated from Inland Wetlands regarding this. He also stated that she would be able to build a house on the property but it could have a basement. It would have to be built on slab.

Lynn Guida, 12 Field Street stated that she is the realtor working with Mrs. Ryan and asked if the letter would specify that the property could be built on. Mr. Conroy noted that the property is serviced by sewers and the house could be built on slab. Mr. Plotkin asked the size of the parcel and Mrs. Ryan stated that it is one acre. Mrs. Guida stated that she wanted to properly list the property for sale. Mr. Plotkin stated that it is an approved building lot but there are regulations that would govern what could be built there. Mrs. Ryan stated that she had worked with Don Smith before and Mr. Conroy stated that he will contact him to get more information on the property before the letter is drafted.

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Land Trust

Alex Danka, 203 Pearl Street was present representing the Seymour Land Trust. He stated that their trails are being washed out and he is looking for some direction as to who to contract. He stated that there is a storm drain coming down from Edward Road that has no end pipe. Mr. Plotkin suggested taking a water sample and having it tested. It was also suggested that he contact the Sewer Authority and the Public Works Department.

Jason Danka, 160 Lakemere Drive, Southbury stated that he has spoken with Public Works regarding the wooden foot bridge that was washed out and the Land Trust is looking to replace. He stated that they are trying to find a way to replace it that is acceptable to everyone. Alex Danka stated that they are working with Don Smith on this project. It was recommended that he have Don Smith come up with a plan to present to the Commission. Mr. Danka presented pictures to the Commission which show a lot of sediment coming down from Chatfield Farms. The Commission asked Mr. Jezierny if he had inspected that project. Mr. Jezierny stated that he was told that there were berms behind each lot but it appears that there are no soil and erosion controls in place. Mr. Plotkin stated to Mr. Jezierny that it is very important to go out and inspect the project and to make sure that it is being done as shown on the approved plans. He suggested that he go out and look at these problems.

Mr. Conroy asked about Chatfield Farms. Mr. Jezierny stated that they have permits out for three lots. Mr. Conroy stated that it appears that they have cleared out a larger area and it appears to be more than five acres. Mr. Plotkin stated that everything needs to be tarped and there should be haybales in place. The Commissioners emphasized that Mr. Jezierny needs to make sure that it is being properly. Mr. Jezierny stated that he met with the contractor and he had a diagram of what is going on with the project. Mr. Plotkin stated that he needs to look at the approved plan to make sure that it is being done according to those plans. Mr. Jezierny stated that he will go out and inspect the project. The Commissioners discussed the matter of inspections and stated that it is very important that the wetlands are protected. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission worked hard at establishing the fee structure and it was important to have the procedures followed and projects reviewed and inspected.

Mr. Banks stated that a letter was received from O&G Industries with their yearly report for their Naugatuck River project.

Mr. Banks stated that each member needs to fill out the Ethics Disclosure form so that they can be submitted to the First Selectman.

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Mr. Conroy asked about the proposed budget for next fiscal year and Mr. Jezierny stated that he had completed it and it was ready to present to Finance. Mr. Conroy asked how much was taken in on fees and Mr. Jezierny stated that he did not know, but that Bob Looker had those figures. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget and Mr. Plotkin stated that he did not feel that the proposed budget could be justified. Mr. Conroy stated that there are not a lot of projects going on at this time and new inspections are being done to generate any fees. Mr. Plotkin felt that the budget should not be submitted at this time and that the members should have time to review it. The Commission will hold a special meeting on January 30, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss and review the proposed budget for fiscal 2012/2013.

Minutes

MOTION: S. Plotkin/J. Conroy to approve the minutes of the 9/26/11 regular meeting.
Motion Carried 5-0.

MOTION: S. Plotkin/R. Noel, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried: 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary