

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011  
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

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

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

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

Permit for Yankee Gas to install a natural gas service into Seymour Middle School. This installation will require the crossing of a brook and work in the wetland.

Curt Matthes, Yankee Gas Co., 47 Eagle Street, Waterbury, presented maps showing where the area where the gas line will be going. It would start at the end of Emily Lane and go to the Middle School. Mr. Matthes stated that they have done water crossings in the past. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission would like to know what will be done and how it will be done. Mr. Matthes stated that the line will be moled in and it will be a 2" steel pipe that will go underneath the brook. Mr. Banks asked how they mole once they get to the stream. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission understands the time frame involved in getting this work done, but they need to know what will be done. Mr. Matthes stated that he is not the technician but understands that they will not be disturbing the waterway. He stated that they will need to clear a path 20' wide for trench equipment to get in. There will also be some tree removal.

Craig Stevens, Public Works Department stated that it will run perpendicular to the waterway. He also stated that they will stay on the school property or land trust property and will stay away from the residences. He noted that it would be best to run this in a northerly direction.

Mr. Plotkin stated that the least amount of wetland disturbance and the least amount of tree cutting would be best. Mr. Conroy asked how long the work will take and Mr. Plotkin stated that they are saying two weeks.

Mr. Stevens stated that the area was worked on a lot during the construction of the school and where they want to go should not require a lot of tree removal. Mr. Plotkin asked if there was ledge in that area and Mr. Matthes stated that he did not know if that was determined at this time.

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Mr. Plotkin suggested having two members go to the site and meet with the technicians from Yankee Gas to get a better idea of what is going to be done. Mr. Matthes stated that he would like to go back to the technician with any questions that the Commission has regarding the project. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission would like to know if there is any ledge, the depth of the trench and the amount of tree removal. Mr. Plotkin suggested having two members of the Commission meet at the site with the technician to see exactly what will be done and where it will be done. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission would like to see the least amount of impact to the wetlands. It was decided to schedule the site meeting with two Commission members for Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

MOTION: R. Noel/E. Wood, to accept the application and approve the permit with the condition that there is no ledge; 3' of cover, there is the least amount of impact on the wetlands and least amount of tree removal; it will be moled under rather than digging into the brook. If necessary, a special meeting will be held if the conditions cannot be met.  
Motion Carried 5-0.

MOTION: E. Wood/B. Banks to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio  
Recording Secretary