

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

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

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Chm. Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:350 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

James Brennan Farm Property, 124 Bungay Road

James Brennan was present and presented a packet of information including a map of the property and the brook. He also presented copies of correspondence that he sent to the Town and a letter that was received from the Connecticut Farm Bureau. He stated that there is a problem with storm drainage runoff and sedimentation that is having a negative impact on his property. The brook has been diverted and changed direction. He stated that because of the change in the brook he is getting wetlands plantings and a very wet condition on one of his pastures. He stated that he cannot use that area to graze his animals because the ground is too wet and there is also skunk cabbage. The animals eat the skunk cabbage and it is unhealthy for them to do that. The Commission reviewed the information provided and it was noted that there are no sump in the catchbasins on Chatfield Road. Mr. Brennan stated that the Town put in some curbing and dumped some fill in on the north side but have done nothing on the southside. The runoff is undermining the road.

Mr. Brennan stated that he sent letters to the First Selectman in April regarding the problem but nothing has been done. The letter from the Connecticut Farm Bureau to the Town indicates that there is a storm drainage problem on his property which is negatively impacting the brook. It also notes the accumulation of sedimentation from the town catch basins.

Mr. Brennan also presented a journal of dates and comments of meetings that he had with the town engineer and Public Works. Mr. Plotkin asked what response he received and Mr. Brennan stated that the town engineer recommended that a double basin should be put in. He stated that Public Works recommended to change to 4' catch basins with sumps. He did not feel that this will correct the problem completely.

Mr. Plotkin suggested that the members go out and see the property and the problems that are there.

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William Lane Subdivision

Mr. Conroy stated that the permits expired last year and most of the bond money has been given back. He stated that there are problems at this subdivision. There is a gravel road at the end of the cul-de-sac which now fills up with sand from the driveway. He also stated that a house is being built on Lot 3 and the location of the driveway is causing water to be dumped into the cul-de-sac. They moved the location of the house from the original plans and put in a circular driveway. There are no tracking pads on the driveway. He also stated that nothing has been seeded and one of the catchbasins is subject to a lot of runoff. The weeds are overpowering the plants in the detention ponds and no maintenance is being done. Mr. Conroy stated that Lot 5 is an approved lot and a conspan bridge needs to be installed. The lot is for sale and he felt that it should be unapproved until the conspan bridge is put in. Mr. Banks asked how that would be done. Mr. Conroy stated that it was included in the bond for Zoning and the bond would not be released until it is done.

The Commission discussed the Nesteriak property on Mountain Road and the fact that the wetland markers are not put in.

Mr. Conroy noted that there is a problem with water runoff at the property on Mountain Road and Route 67 with the car wash and Starbucks. A trash guard was put in and should be cleaned out and has not been.

Election of Officers

MOTION: J. Conroy/E. Wood to nominate Bill Banks for Chairman.
Motion Carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Banks abstaining.

MOTION: J. Conroy/B. Banks to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried: 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary

