

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL**

Members in attendance: Steve Plotkin, Peter Jezierny, William Ryan, Phil Wilhelmy, Ralph Noel

Also present: John Conroy, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Steve Plotkin.

Discussion potential expansion of the Chatfield Elementary School

Donald Smith, Co-Chairman of the Chatfield School Building Committee was present and stated that they are proposing to combine Chatfield and Lopresti schools at the Chatfield School location. He stated that there is no application at this time and they are looking for input from the Commission. He stated that Nafis & Young did a current site survey and wetlands delineation of the property. Also present with Mr. Smith were Bruce Baker, Chairman of the Board of Education and Paul Antinozzi and Michael Ayles from Antinozzi Associates. They are hoping to go to referendum on this project in October of this year.

Mr. Antinozzi stated that the addition to the north will be the gym and the addition to the south will have two stories of classrooms. There will be separate drop-off area for students and parents and another for business drop-off. He stated that the proposal would be to construct the addition as Phase 1 and keep the school open and then move the students into the new addition and continue with further construction in Phase II. There is a small pocket of wetlands close to the proposed addition in the south and another larger wetlands area which is further away from the building.

Mr. Ryan asked about the grades on the site and Mr. Antinozzi stated that they go from low to high. Mr. Smith stated that they are getting a more detailed site survey. He stated that the addition will have 37 classrooms and this proposal will result in a larger reimbursement from the State as well as addressing the needs of both schools.

Mr. Plotkin stated that the main concern of this Commission would be the runoff. Mr. Smith stated that there will be a new underground storm water management system. There will be more impervious areas on the site as they are changing and expanding the parking area.

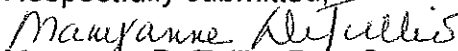
Mr. Wilhelmy asked if they have considered using the wetlands area as an educational tool and having outdoor classrooms there. Mr. Smith stated that is something that would have to be reviewed with the Board of Education. Mr. Ryan asked about lot coverage and Mr. Smith stated that the Town is exempt from zoning and there are no setback or

minimum lot coverage requirements. Mr. Smith stated that they are looking to add some minimal outdoor space for recreational areas. He stated that there will be no increase in peak runoff and they are maintaining the drainage patterns.

There was a discussion on creating a detention area where the small pocket of wetlands is which would result in a mitigated wetlands area. There was also a suggestion of creating rain gardens in the parking area. Mr. Wilhelmy asked if they had another feasible plan to move the addition further away from the wetlands. Mr. Smith stated that on this site to accommodate a school of this size there is no other location.

MOTION: P. Wilhelmy/R. Noel to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary