

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016
FLAHERTY ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Mike Flynn, Tim Connors,
James Forsyth, Brian Koskelowski

Also Present: Mike Morganski, WEO, Atty. Vincent Marino,
Atty. Patricia Sullivan, Atty. Barbara Schellenberg,
Donald Smith, Town Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman P. Wetowitz.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Approval of Minutes, December 28, 2015

MOTION: B. Koskelowski/J. Forsyth to approve the minutes of the
December 28, 2015 meeting.
Motion Carried 5-0.

Rolling Hills Estates, Section Two, Phase One, Informational Presentation and Action if necessary.

Mike Horbal, Donald Smith and K. Diorio, Baker Residential were present. Mr. Horbal stated that Section 2, Phase 1 of the project is complete. Section 2 consists of 53 lots on 41 acres and was previously approved by the Commission. All fees have been paid and conditions are still in force. There was 992 sf of filling of wetlands on the 41 acres. He submitted a letter outlining everything being submitted. He also stated that the project has received extensions to 11/22/18. He stated that they are also going before Planning & zoning for their approval of the revisions to Section 2, Phase 1. There are four new lots which will have city water and sewers and an extension of Rolling Hills Road of approximately 200 feet. Mr. Horbal pointed out the four new lots shown on the plans and also stated that there will not be a lot of excavation and the soil and erosion control measures have been refreshed. Mr. Wetowitz asked about the buffer zone and Mr. Horbal noted that Lots 122, 123 and 124 all have a conservation easement on them which had been previously approved. Mr. Wetowitz asked the anticipated start date and Mr. Horbal stated that they are hoping for the middle of March. Mr. Wetowitz asked that they inform the Commission when construction will begin.

Proposed Storm Water Ordinance Handout, Discussion and Action if necessary

Mr. Wetowitz stated that there has been some discussion with the Board of Selectmen to remove this from this Commission and have it handled by Planning & Zoning. There is an existing town ordinance and the Ordinance Committee is meeting on this matter.

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He handed out copies of the ordinance to the members for their review. He asked for any input from the members and the new land use attorneys. Atty. Vincent Marino stated that they would like to review this and report back to the Commission. Donald Smith, Town Engineer stated that storm water management has been in the regulations and the ordinance needs to be reviewed. It was based on the State model when adopted. He stated that previously the Commission did not receive much support from the previous town engineer and Planning and Zoning had to do more of the storm water management. He stated that one of the town engineers will now be at all meetings of this Commission. Mr. Wetowitz stated that they will be looking for some comments and recommendations at the next meeting. Atty. Marino stated that they are getting more understanding on how the town operates and will review this ordinance.

Budget 2016-17, Additional Discussion and Action if necessary.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that based on the approval and decision made at the special meeting last week the budget has been forwarded to the Town Clerk, Finance Office and First Selectman. He suggested that a letter be sent to the Board of Selectmen with some detail on the proposed budget.

MOTION: B. Koskelowski/M. Flynn that a letter be sent to the Board of Selectmen with reasons for the recommendation of the salary increase for the wetland enforcement officers.
Motion Carried 5-0.

Training Information Presentation, Discussion and Action if necessary.

Mr. Wetowitz handed out copies of the municipal newsletter for Inland Wetlands. He stated that the Commission may want to look at revising the regulations. There is some new information available and he asked the members to review the handout and make some recommendations if the regulations need to be updated. He stated that the Commission may also want to look at revising the application. He stated that at least one member must complete DEEP training and the two enforcement officers have already done so. He also stated that it is important that the town regulations reflect any changes in the State regulations.

Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report, Discussion and Action if necessary.

Mike Morganski welcomed everyone to the board and stated that he is looking forward to working with them. He stated that there has been minimal activity with Inland Wetlands applications at this time. He did check on the work at the Basement Systems project and the State of Connecticut is really overseeing what is going on there.

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Presentation by New Land Use Attorney, Discussion and Action if necessary

Attorney Vincent Marino spoke to the Commission and gave some background information on the experience of his firm, Cohen and Wolf. He stated that they are looking forward to working with the Commission and they will be reviewing the regulations. Atty. Patricia Sullivan reviewed procedures and the duties and responsibilities of the Commission with the members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

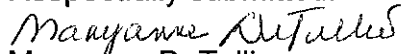
Commissioner's Public Comments

There were no commissioner's public comments.

MOTION: J. Forsyth/M. Flynn to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Maryanne DeTullio