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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016  
FLAHERTY ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Jim Forsyth, Michael Flynn,  
Tim Connor

Members Absent: Brian Koskelowski, Judson Lee

Also Present: Don Smith, Town Engineer, Atty. V. Marino,  
Mike Morganski, WEO

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman P. Wetowitz. Chm. Wetowitz stated that several items need to be added to the agenda.

MOTION: J. Forsyth/M. Flynn to add Living Springs Church, Great Hill Road to the agenda.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

MOTION: J. Forsyth/M. Flynn to add Rimmon Street Project to the agenda.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting February 22, 2016

MOTION: J. Forsyth/M. Flynn to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

Wetlands Permit Application, 144 Bungay Road, Pond Dredging, Discussion and Possible Action.

Tim Sadick was present and stated that he will be performing the work at 144 Bungay Road. He stated that it is basic pond maintenance with the removal of road sand. Mr. Wetowitz stated that a letter was received from Town Engineer Brian Nesteriak who was on the site and the WEO was also at the site. Mr. Morganski stated that he would advise following the recommendations of the Town Engineer. Mr. Nesteriak's letter indicated that there will be little or no impact to the wetlands if his recommendations are followed. Mr. Sadick stated that the silt fence and a concrete dam are already in place. He stated that he would like to remove any stockpiled materials from the site when weather permits.

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MOTION: T. Connors/J. Forsyth to accept the application.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Forsyth stated that he was concerned with the time in removing the materials. Mr. Sadick stated that he would like the materials to dry and then they will be removed from the site. He stated that he did not want to be dragging mud out onto the road.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that the property owner is paying for the removal of the materials. The State fee cannot be waived but the Commission can waive the Town fee.

Atty. Marino stated that the application has just recently been submitted. He stated that the Commission needs to determine whether there should be a public hearing or if one is not necessary. He did not feel it was appropriate to take any action this evening and the Commission should get more input from staff.

Mr. Connors asked if the pond was cleaned before and Mr. Sadick stated that it was done several years ago and it is general maintenance.

MOTION: M. Flynn/J. Forsyth to table to the April meeting.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

Wetlands and Storm Water Permit Application, Naugatuck River Greenway, Discussion and possible action.

Paul Destefano, Milone & MacBroom presented a summary of the Seymour trail on the west side of the Naugatuck River. It is connected at Tingue Dam to Bank Street and is approximately 800 feet long. They will create a slight swale for runoff. They are also proposing to extend the discharge point and add a discharge point to capture water from the swale. This would prevent water from coming across the trail. It does not affect the wetlands. There will be a silt fence along the wetlands line. They are taking all precautions to prevent any erosion.

MOTION: M. Flynn/J. Forsyth to accept the application and refer to  
Town Engineer for review.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Destefano asked about the fee and Mr. Smith stated that they are asking for a waiver of the fee and the Commission can decide on that. He stated that he will work with the applicant prior to the next meeting.

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Housatonic Valley Association, Seymour/Oxford HVA Partnership, Discussion and Possible Action.

Mike Jastremski, Housatonic Valley Association was present and stated that they are assessing road stream crossings. He stated that based on those assessments they will put together a management plan and also see which ones may need to be replaced. They will also be looking at maintenance schedules for the crossings. He stated that they are asking for support of this project from the Commission. They will be seeking a grant from the Valley Community Foundation. Mr. Wetowitz stated that they are looking for a resolution to include with their grant application. Mr. Wetowitz stated that the Board of Selectmen has already acted favorably on this project.

MOTION: T. Connors/J. Forsyth moved that the Inland Wetlands Commission for the Town of Seymour joins with the Board of Selectmen in supporting the partnership with Housatonic Alley Association and adopt the following resolution  
Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution Partnership with Housatonic Valley Association: Planning for Flood Resilient and Fish-Friendly Road/Stream Crossings in Seymour.

WHEREAS, the frequency and magnitude of severe storms and flood events are expected to increase in the coming years due to climate change, and previous severe weather events like Tropical "Storm Irene (2011) and Superstorm Sandy (2012) have illustrated the need for proactive management of town infrastructure;

WHEREAS, road/stream crossings (i.e. culverts) built using traditional methods may not be adequately designed to support predicted increases in precipitation and severe storm events – making them more vulnerable to flooding – and in many cases present barriers to fish and wildlife passage;

WHEREAS, water resources were identified as the top conservation priority in Seymour's 2002 Plan of Conservation and Development;

WHEREAS, the Town does not currently have a road/stream crossing management plan to help inform future decision making;

WHEREAS, the road/stream crossing management plan that this partnership would produce could be a valuable tool for securing future funding for culvert replacement projects that will improve fish passage and decrease flood risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Seymour supports partnering with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) to assess road/stream crossings and

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commits to meaningful participation including provision of in-kind services and joint grant-seeking efforts. This project will lead to the production of a road/stream crossing inventory and management document that can be adopted into the town's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan by the appropriate bodies.

Living Springs Church, Great Hill Road

Robert Hoyt, Pastor was present and stated that they submitted an application last month. A plan has been drawn up for the parking lot and driveway. It is a one-way driveway off of Route 34 on the east side and approximately 25 parking spaces. There will be a catch basin in the southwest corner and also storm drains. The driveway will be asphalt and it is being moved on the east side approximately eight feet. Mr. Morganski noted that the application that was submitted was incomplete and no new application has been filed at this time. Mr. Wetowitz stated that a new application needs to be submitted for the April meeting.

Rimmon Street Project

Terrance Gallahger, DeCarlo & Doll stated that this has been an ongoing project for approximately four years on the northwest section of town. It runs from Bank Street at Old Drive to the Beacon Falls town line. There will be approximately one-half mile of roadway work. It is funded mostly by the State of Connecticut and the federal government. It is a DOT project. He stated that they are hoping to be doing construction in the summer. There are three wetland areas that will be affected. Along the Little River new pavement and new sidewalk as well as new railing along the riverbank and new drainage added. He stated that there is a small stream on Prospect Street which is within the 100 foot review area. There is also a small intermittent watercourse on Rimmon Street at Kulis Terrace. There will be no impact to the wetlands. They will be replacing the headwall at Kulis Terrace and improving drainage.

Don Smith stated that everything seems to be in order and there will be very minor wetlands impacts. He did not feel that this requires a public hearing. He stated that he is working with them. The application and plans have been on file since the beginning of March. He also stated that the applicant has requested a waiver of fees since this is a town project.

MOTION: J Forsyth/M. Flynn moved to accept the Inland-Wetlands Application.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

MOTION: M. Flynn/J. Forsyth to accept the Stormwater Management Application.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

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Enforcement Officer's Report, Discussion and Action if needed.

Mr. Morganski stated that the Basement Systems project is moving along. He stated that he observed on Route 8 northward near the entrance ramp a pile of millings. He stated that he was concerned that the materials have gone into the wetlands. He stated that he will look into this and report at the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public wishing to comment

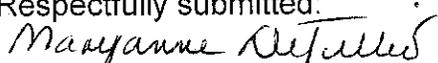
Commissioner's Public comment.

Atty. Marino stated that he has been reviewing the existing regulations and they do not conform to the State wetlands regulations. It would be appropriate to bring them up to the current standards. He stated that he will use the model regulations from the State and work with staff in updating the regulations. Don Smith asked about the proposed budget. Mr. Wetowitz stated that he will speak with the First Selectman. Atty. Marino stated that he has also reviewed the stormwater management ordinance which will also need to be updated. There is no fine schedule in place if there is a violation which is something else that the Commission should schedule including in the ordinance.

MOTION: M. Flynn/J. Forsyth to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05. p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Maryanne DeTullio