

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Jim Forsyth, Mike Flynn, B. Koskelowski

Also Present: Brian Nesteriak, Town Engineer, Atty. Barbara Schellenberg

The meeting was called to order by Chm. Wetowitz at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

J. Halligan, 36 Roosevelt Drive adjoining property owner on the south side to the proposed vineyard stated that there is a lot of runoff from this property into the Housatonic River from other operations that were going on there. He was very concerned about the runoff into the River. He stated that he is pleased with what is going on there now and wants to make sure that the wetlands are developed properly and this is the best thing going on there.

46-100 Roosevelt Drive, Vineyard, presentation, discussion and take possible action on Cease and Desist Order.

P. Wetowitz recused himself from hearing this presentation. Mr. Nesteriak stated that the applicant and engineer came up with a plan that was implemented which shows some controls but he felt that the amount of controls should be increased; although there is not much more that can be done. He stated that it is important to maintain what is there and there is still the potential of erosion coming down the hill and it needs to be properly maintained.

Zach Georgina, pointed out the erosion control blankets on the site and stated that they have been pulled out further. The area has been hydroseed emulsion seeded with wild grass and check dams along the brook and haybales which protects runoff from going into the River. A silt fence will be installed around the pond. He stated that the silt fence along the waterway has been corrected and reinforced with haybales. There are temporary silt traps at the bottom of the site. He stated that there are check dams along the trench which will stabilize the site for the winter. He stated that it will be inspected about major storms and a report will be submitted to the Town. Mr. Forsyth asked about the rest of the property and Mr. Georgina stated that they have moved soil around and created a bowl and water goes into that. Mr. Nesteriak stated that the rest of the site extremely disturbed and any work should be cleared through this Board before it is done. He stated that the site needs to be checked often and maintained.

Mr. Flynn stated that he would feel more comfortable if a sediment pond was outside of the bowl and Mr. Nesteriak stated that a final sediment pond before soil enters the River. Mr. Flynn asked who will do the inspections and Mr. Nesteriak stated that a site monitor will be appointed and it would appropriate to have a licensed individual who can provide a report to the Board.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that he walked the site and there is a serious potential for damage if we get a lot of rain. Mr. Nesteriak stated that this is a difficult time of the year. Mr. Forsyth stated that he was there after a rain storm and water was pooling and there was very loose soil. Mr. Nesteriak stated that everything on the east side is established as best as can be. The watercourse is full of silt and sand and Mr. Flynn felt if that was removed it would help. Mr. Flynn asked if that would help and Mr. Nesteriak stated that it needs to be properly maintained and need to see what will work through the winter.

George Logan, soil scientist stated that the check dams need to be maintained and he felt if there was something at the bottom for better protection during a large storm that should be done. He also stated that they should speak with the Army Corp and they will assign a project manager and will make a jurisdictional designation. They should create a sustainable wetlands. He stated that they should look at hydrology and get an answer from the Army Corp of Engineers. The plans should be sent to them for review and then meet with town staff. Mr. Nesteriak stated that he received an e-mail from the Army Corp and they are waiting for some things from Mr. Logan. Mr. Logan stated that he has not had a chance to put together a package for them. He stated that they should make sure that it is stabilized and protected for the winter and have a proper maintenance plan.

Mr. Wetowitz noted that at this time there is a cease and desist order and the plan was to have a temporary plan until the spring.

MOTION: J. Forsyth/M.Flynn applicant to provide calculations for the middle and make improvements to the bottom with rip/rap and haybales. The engineer will provide calculations for the small area in the center and to the left to determine whether or not that area could sustain water for the property. Also make improvements near the roadway where collection area is and further stabilization to the rest of the property. Weekly reports shall be provided to the Inland Enforcement Officer with necessary pictures of the area with additional inspections after moderate rainfalls; with unrestricted access to the property and comments or report from Army Corp of Engineers.
Motion Carried: 4-0.

Public Comments

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

MOTION: J. Forsyth/B. Koskelowski to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and have staff and Attorney remain.
Motion Carried 4-0.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION: M. Flynn/J. Forsyth to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting.
Motion Carried: 4-0.

The regular meeting was resumed at 8:14 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by P. Wetowitz Chairman.

Respectfully submitted:


Maryanne DeTullio