

TOWN of PLYMOUTH

INLAND WETLANDS &
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

****as corrected at the 6-4-2014 regular meeting****



The May 7, 2014 regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman James Deutsch, in the Assembly Room of the Plymouth Town Hall in Terryville, CT.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FIRE EXITS:** Noted for the record
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ATTENDANCE:** Jackie Dowd; Joe Longo; Mike Maffia; Sean Doran; Dave Perkins, Wetlands Officer and Ronda Porrini, Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance was Michael Ganem, Parks & Recreation Director and Charles Wiegert, Public Works Engineering Tech.

Excused absence: Jim Benway

5. **MINUTES:**

Regular meeting of April 2, 2014

Chair Deutsch read his corrections into the record.

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the 4/2/14 regular meeting, with corrections was made by M. Maffia, second by S. Doran. Vote unanimous.

6. **CONTINUING APPLICATIONS:** none

7. NEW APPLICATIONS:

- a. North Street Reservoir Recreation Area Parking – T.O.P./Parks and Recreation Dept. - #14-003

Chair Deutsch gave a brief background on this property that was acquired by the Town of Plymouth from the CT Water Company. The property is approximately 178 acres, 39 acres being the watercourse. An Ad-Hoc Committee was created to discuss what types of activities could be used on this property and to construct some regulations that should be considered for the use.

Chair Deutsch read the application into the record.

M. Ganem gave a presentation of the proposed parking area that will be used for residents to park while fishing and/or boating. The parking area will be mostly gravel with an asphalt area to be used as a drop off area for boats. The drop off area will be located near a floating dock. M. Ganem stated the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will be contacted to get permission for the floating dock.

Chair Deutsch reviewed section 4.2c of the Wetlands & Watercourses Regulation and it was decided that this activity would not be covered under this regulation.

D. Perkins stated he is in agreement with the plan and stated the area was flat and grassy and the only area on which this parking lot could be constructed. D. Perkins stated there will be no curbing or drainage and that any runoff would infiltrate into the gravel and/or run toward the north of the property into the grassy area. There is no need for drainage at this time. There will be a 10' apron that will also be paved. The gravel parking area may be paved in the future and drainage would be considered at that time.

Chair Deutsch discussed with the Commission on the possibility of holding a Public Hearing for this application. The Commission was in agreement that a Public Hearing would not need to be held.

M. Ganem explained to the Commission where the handicap parking area would be located and also where the portable restroom will be located.

Chair Deutsch noted that this application will be continued until the next meeting on 5/21/14 and that during that time there should be no machinery onsite.

D. Perkins will check with DEEP to see what is permitted/not permitted with regard to the floating dock.

C. Weigert explained that the materials that will be used during the construction will be provided by the Public Works dept. The topsoil will be stripped from the area and taken off site and the new material will be brought in. There is no stockpile planned for this activity.

The application was continued to 5/21/2014.

8. ENFORCEMENT:

- a. 103 Main St. – Dollar General –M. Maffia stated that during a recent rain event that produced approximately 3” of rain he observed the detention basins were approximately half full. He returned several hours later to see that the basins were still half full. M. Maffia stated his concern to whether the basins were adequate for heavy rain events.

D. Perkins stated he also kept an eye on the basins and they never went higher than half full. D. Perkins stated the basins are functioning well. D. Perkins stated the rip rap on the side of the river also held up very well.

M. Maffia stated that on the north side of the parking lot the trees were cut down and the root system seems to be dying. M. Maffia stated his concern with the riverbank eroding.

Chair Deutsch stated there is a slanted concrete wall holding up the riverbank and will prevent erosion. D. Perkins to contact the owner and asked that trees be planted where the previous trees were cut.

- b. J. Dowd stated her neighbor was directing sump pump water onto her property. Chair Deutsch suggested J. Dowd contact the Land Use office if this activity should continue as this is a zoning issue.
- c. Chair Deutsch asked if there was a plan in place for the cleanup and landscaping for the new tire shop that is in the former Western Auto. D. Perkins stated there was no plan submitted; however, he will contact the owner to get a plan in place.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

10. TREASURER’S REPORT: none

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Executive Summary Newsletter – Long Island Sound
- CACIWC – Spring 2014
- Letter from Aquarion dated 4/3/2014 regarding designated awards. Deadline today
- DEEP 2014 training program voucher
- Fall Mtn. Lake Assoc. permit for pesticide application

- Lake Plymouth Assoc. permit for pesticide application

12. CONSERVATION TOPICS:

- Chair Deutsch reported that the annual planting of trees for Arbor Day had to be postponed due to unexpected snow. A date has not been determined at this time as to when the planting will take place. This year the trees are planned to be planted on Preston Road.

13. OLD BUSINESS:

- Chair Deutsch reported that he was in attendance at the “Meet Your Representatives” seminar that was coordinated by Councilman Heering and gave an overview of what the Commission’s duties are.
- Chair Deutsch stated the budget for fiscal year ending 06-30-15 had passed last week. There were no changes to the Wetlands budget and it was approved as presented.
- Chair Deutsch stated that he observed what looked to be a new catch basin near the playground parking lot at Lake Winfield. Chair Deutsch noted that the catch basin was not in the area where it was approved to be installed. Chair Deutsch stated the water coming into Lake Winfield appeared to be carmel colored. D. Perkins will look into it and see if the plan had been changed.
- Chair Deutsch and C. Weigert discussed with the Commission a combined grant for Bristol; Plainville and Plymouth to do a study of the Pequabuck River. The study will include issues as to where the river has flooding problems during rain events. Chair Deutsch noted that former Wetlands Agent David Elder and former Public Works Engineering Tech Donna Simpkins had addressed some of the areas that had caused problems from Tropical Storm Irene. Chair Deutsch stated that information was put on the towns GIS program and suggested C. Weigert look into that. Chair Deutsch also noted that there were major problems with the river on Silver St.

14. NEW BUSINESS: none

15. ADJOURN:

MOTION: to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. by M. Maffia, seconded by S. Doran and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Porrini
Recording Secretary