

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
August 3, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

MUNICIPAL CENTER
ROOM 304

PRESENT: R. Ciotto, S. Emmendorfer, R. Michalic, K. Anderson, and
S. McMahon
STAFF PRESENT: M. DeVoe
ABSENT: P. Kilby, M. Goulet, T. Kijanka (excused absences)

I. ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. IW 07/16#005 – Somak Property Management – IW Permit – removal of vegetation from shoreline boat launch and access areas at Hamlin Water’s Edge Condominiums – 365 Woodford Avenue (MBL 30-A-18) in a general commercial zone

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. IW05/16#004 – Tilcon, Inc. / Inlands Wetlands Permit

Having already decided that this was not a significant activity in July, the following motion was cast:

A motion to approve a Wetland Permit application IW 05/16#004 for the construction of two below-grade, lightweight aggregate soaking bins, one above-grade draining bin, related storm water drainage system, and concrete turning area, a portion of which is within the upland review area at 0 Woodford Avenue (MBL 34-A-02) in a quarry industrial zone.

Motion made by B. Michalic and seconded by K. Anderson. Vote 5 - 0. Motion Carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. IW 07/16#005 – Somak Property Management – IW Permit – removal of vegetation from shoreline boat launch and access areas at Hamlin Water’s Edge Condominiums – 365 Woodford Avenue (MBL 30-A-18) in a general commercial zone.

Karina Smith, representative from Somak Property Management, the property manager for Hamlin Water's Edge Condominiums since May 2015, presented the application. She indicated that the primary goal of the application was to restore the open areas shown on the 2009 aerial photographs and free them of the vegetation that is obstructing access to the pond by the inhabitants of the Condo complex. They propose to use their contracted landscaping company (Harvey's) and indicated that the work would be done with a series of hand and automatic tools.

Ms. Smith was asked to clarify how the pond shore area would be "entered." She indicated by foot with workers using waders.

M. DeVoe informed the Commission that a similar application had been approved in 2011 and the workers were allowed to use chain saws to cut trees that were blocking the view. This time, it appears that they wish to remove vegetation from the shallow pond floor in the access areas. It was also indicated that some erosion at the edge of the parking lot required topping and seeding.

Several Commission members indicated that they were not comfortable with any type of gas operated power tools or equipment being used to pull vegetation from the floor of the pond.

The Commission set out to determine if the activity qualified as significant. B. Michalic lead the Commission through the seven indicators of significance.

A motion was made to make a determination that the application presented no significant impact.

Discussion: The Commission asked M. DeVoe to insure that appropriate conditions were called out in any future motions to insure that work is accomplished with the least amount of impact possible and using hand tools only.

In addition, M. DeVoe indicated that he would inspect the areas of erosion brought up by the applicant this evening and recommend a best management approach to repairing the permanently at the October meeting.

Motion made by B. Michalic and seconded by K. Anderson. Vote 5 - 0. Motion Carried.

VII. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

VIII. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the July 6, 2016 minutes with a correction on Page 5 – B. Michalic's name was misspelled.

Motion made by B. Michalic and seconded by S. McMahon. Vote 5 - 0. Motion Carried.

IX. REPORTS

The Town Planner reported on a DEEP initiative to streamline the map amendment procedure. DEEP wishes to amend state law, but there is opposition and he has been tapped for his stance on the matter by both sides of the issue. He will keep the Commission apprised of any future developments.

One new application was received just this morning. It will appear on the September agenda as a request for a declaratory ruling for a small residential addition some 53 feet away from the wetlands.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by B. Michalic and seconded by S. Emmendorfer. Vote 5 - 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark DeVoe
Director of Planning and Economic Development