

**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 1, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING at 7:00 P.M.**

**MUNICIPAL CENTER  
ROOM 304 – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** P. LeBeau, P. Martin, P. Kilby, D. Garewski, R. Carrier

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** M. Devoe, Town Planner

**I. ROLL CALL**

There was a quorum present

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. IW 12/22 #04 – Town of Plainville – Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Rebuild – 0 Shuttle Meadow Road (MBL 43-J-18).

The Chair requested that staff provide a synopsis of application activity to date. Planner DeVoe recounted the previous 2/1/23 IWWC meeting where the Commission voted to make a determination that the activity proposed in connection with the project was significant, which triggers a statutory public hearing. The hearing this evening was duly noticed and the sign was posted by the Town – an affidavit of such is included in the file. Planner DeVoe quickly recounted the nature of the project and later added that his office received two phone calls because of the sign being posted on the property. The project was explained to the callers, one of whom stopped in to review the plans. Both were satisfied.

Amy Sowitky of Tighe & Bond represented the Town of Plainville. Tighe & Bond is the Town of Plainville's consultant in the design, bid and construction monitoring phases of this project. She first wanted to discuss the concern stated last meeting regarding contaminated materials. The soil contamination consists of polyaromatic hydrocarbons. Ms. Sowitky went on to state that PAH's can be found in asphalt and cigarette smoke. Staff confirmed they also are found in certain fuels. The levels at which they've been detected are above normal ranges, but PAH's have a low mobility in soil; they do not migrate through soils or groundwater easily.

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T&B reported at the levels detected, they pose no harm and DEEP allows these soils to be used on the original site as fill so they will likely be used to backfill; however, if after retesting, levels are found to have increased, which T&B feels is unlikely, they will be removed per contract and disposed of properly. Chair Kilby questioned whether additional permanent bank stabilization was needed along the nearby Quinnipiac River. Planner DeVoe indicated it was not suggested because that area is proposed to be disturbed. Measures shown on the plan are subject to field adjustment if found necessary.

Ms. Sowitky also responded: weather events will be monitored and in case of a predicted large storm event, construction activities will be closed and any hazards will be removed from the site or adequately secured.

The Commission had no more questions for Tighe & Bond and they concluded their presentation.

The Chair asked for additional comments from the public. Hearing none, the public hearing section of the meeting was closed.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. IW 12/22 #4 – Town of Plainville – Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Rebuild – 0 Shuttle Meadow Road (MBL 43-J-18).

**A motion to approve** IW 12/22/ #04 for the Town of Plainville for a sanitary sewer pump station rebuild at 0 Shuttle Meadow Avenue was made by D. Garewski.

**The motion was seconded** by Patricia LeBeau.

**Vote:** 5-0 to approve

**Motion passes**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VI. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

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**VII. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** P. Martin to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 1, 2023

**Seconded by:** R. Carrier

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes, Minutes Accepted**

**VIII. PLANNER'S REPORT**

None

- A. D. Garewski brought up the previously mentioned issue of litter in the wetlands near the Manafort operation on Norton Place. Planner DeVoe cited workload as being the primary reason he was not able to attend to this matter.
- B. D. Garewski brought up the issue of litter in the wetlands surrounding Hamlin's Pond and asked that the Town enforce their regulations. Planner DeVoe stated he would do his best to ID the specific area and responsible party.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by:** D. Garewski to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Seconded by:** P. Martin

**All in Favor 5 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark DeVoe*

Town Planner