

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2011
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt G. Lewis, P. Plante,
B. Pociask,
Members absent: M. Beal, B. Ryan
Alternates present: F. Loxsom, K. Rawn,
Alternates absent: V. Ward
Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alternates Loxsom and Rawn were appointed to act in the absence of Beal and Ryan.

Minutes:

3-7-11 – Hall MOVED, Plante seconded, to approve the 3-7-11 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Loxsom who disqualified himself. Pociask noted that he had listened to the recording of the meeting.

3-15-11 Field Trip- Holt MOVED, Favretti seconded, to approve the 3-15-11 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Favretti, Holt and Rawn in favor and all others disqualified.

Communications:

The 3-22-11 Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report and the 3-16-11 Conservation Commission Draft minutes were noted.

Public Hearing:

W1469 - Town of Mansfield - statutory regulation revisions from 2010

Chairman Favretti opened the Public Hearing at 7:18. Members present were R. Favretti, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt G. Lewis, P. Plante, B. Pociask and alternates F. Loxsom and K. Rawn. Alternates Loxsom and Rawn were appointed to act in the absence of Beal and Ryan. Meitzler read the legal notice as it appeared in the Willimantic Chronicle on 3-22-11 and 3-30-11 and noted the following communications: a 3-31-11 report from D. O'Brien, Town Attorney; a 3-17-11 report from S. Tessitore, CT DEP; and a 2-1-11 report from G. Meitzler, Wetlands Agent. He briefly reviewed the proposed revisions and noted they were needed to address a change in state statutes.

After determining that there were no comments from the public or Agency members, Hall MOVED, Plante seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 7:24. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

After agreeing to consider action, Meitzler distributed a motion he prepared for the Agency's consideration. Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, that the Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency adopt the attached Mansfield Inland Wetlands Regulation revisions, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes and State regulations, revising Section 7.10 C., Section 10.9, and Section 10.10, as presented to the Agency in a staff memorandum dated February 1, 2011 and which revisions were presented at the Agency's 4/04/2011 Public Hearing, and are to become effective May 1, 2011.

The proposed regulation revisions have been referred to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Mansfield Town Council, the Mansfield Conservation Commission, and Dennis O'Brien, Town Attorney.

Staff is further instructed to forward a copy of the adopted regulations to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business:

W1474 - Plimpton - Wormwood Hill/Gurleyville Rds - 3 lot subdivision

After a brief discussion, Holt MOVED, Pociask seconded, to set a public hearing on 5/2/11 to receive comments from the public, staff and committees on the application received at the 3/7/11 IWA meeting by Scott Plimpton (IWA File #1474) for a 4-lot subdivision at 627 Wormwood Hill Road, owned by the applicant and as shown on a map dated January 2011, revised through February 9, 2011, and as described in other application submissions. This action is deemed necessary because there is a chance that the proposed activity may have significant impact the adjacent wetlands.

The applicant shall consult with Wetlands Agent Meitzler to find out how much the fee is to be increased for a Public Hearing application. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business:

W1420 - Modification request: White Oak Condominiums - footing drains

Project engineer, M. Peterson, briefly explained the proposed modification request and the need to construct an additional footing drain system for Building #7. He related that they would like to start the two footing drain projects in April.

After discussion, Holt MOVED, Pociask seconded, to modify the earlier approval for wetlands file W1420 for installation of building drains, yard grading, and outlet flow protection for Building #4, White Oak Condominiums, as outlined in application submissions including a map dated March 31, 2010 and revised through February 8, 2011, and also for installation of building drains, yard grading, and outlet flow protection for Building #7, as detailed on plans dated March 11, 2011.

This action is based on a finding of no significant impact, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. All erosion and sediment controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction, and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.
2. Work is to be done between the dates of April 15 and October 15.

This modification is valid for the original period of five years approved for File W1420 (until January 20, 2014), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

None.

Other Communications and Bills:

The agenda-listed communications were noted. Meitzler was asked to forward the D'Amato email communication to the State Dept of Health and the Ponde Place developer. It was agreed that notice of this communication forwarding action should be sent to J. D'Amato

Adjournment:

Favretti declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary