

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 3, 2012
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: J. Goodwin (Chairman), R. Hall, K. Holt, G. Lewis, P. Plante B. Pociask, K. Rawn,
B. Ryan
Members absent: B. Chandy,
Alternates present: A. Marcellino, V. Ward, S. Westa
Staff present: Grant Meitzler, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed Westa to act in Chandy's absence.

Minutes:

11-05-12 – Regular Meeting- Plante MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 11-05-12 minutes as corrected.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11-14-12 – Field Trip Meeting- Holt MOVED, Rawn seconded, to approve the 11-14-12 field trip minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Holt and Rawn in favor and all others disqualified.

11-19-12 – Special Meeting- Plante MOVED, Pociask seconded, to approve the 11-19-12 minutes as written.
MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Hall who disqualified himself. Ryan noted for the record that she had familiarized herself with the record of the meeting.

Communications:

The 11-14-12 Draft Minutes of the Conservation Commission and the 11-20-12 Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report were noted.

Public Hearings:

None.

Old Business:

W1504 - Kueffner - Rte 195 – Treescape

Hall disqualified himself. Chairman Goodwin appointed Marcellino to act in his place.

Holt MOVED, Plante seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License, pursuant to the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield, to Chris Kueffner & Lynn Stoddard (file W1504) for creation of an Aerial Forest Ropes Course, with a parking lot and driveway together with associated improvements, on a portion of property owned by the applicants and located on the south side of Route 195 about 700 feet west of Baxter Road, as depicted on a plan dated September 25, 2012, and as described in other application submissions.

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 described in the application shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. The parking lot placement at its east and west ends shall be relocated to provide 50 to 25 feet of clearance between construction and grading areas nearest wetlands and the flagged wetland boundaries adjacent to the parking lot edge;
3. An outline for long term maintenance requirements of the drainage swale structures shall be provided to the Agency;

4. In recognition of the strongly tree-oriented nature of this proposal, minor changes in the individual parking space placements may be made provided approval is obtained from the Wetlands Agent and the Zoning Agent;
5. In the event that Phase 2 parking is not constructed before the five-year permit expiration date stated below, a renewal of the approval for the Phase 2 parking should be sought from the Inland Wetlands Agency.

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until December 3, 2017), 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 with all in favor except Hall who disqualified himself.

W1502 - Wetlands Violation Ordinance

Item was tabled– no new information.

New Business:

W1508 - Rebecca Shafer - Echo Road - addition & Deck in buffer

Ryan MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Rebecca Shafer (File #1508) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a home addition and garage expansion on property located at 45 Echo Road as shown on a map dated 10-29-12 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and Conservation Committee, for review and comments.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1509 - Fisher Builders LLC - Coventry Rd - garage/shop in buffer

Ryan MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Fisher Builders, LLC (File #1509) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for an addition to an existing garage, on property located at 260 Coventry Road as shown on a map dated 10-25-12 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and Conservation Committee, for review and comments.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agent Approval:

Meitzler noted that he approved a request of Patrick Eye, 20 Hillyndale Road, for a deck 120 feet from wetlands.

Adjournment:

The Chairman scheduled a field trip for 12/12/12 at 2:00 p.m. and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary