

MINUTES
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2014
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: Chairman Goodwin, B. Chandy, K. Holt, G. Lewis, P. Plante, K. Rawn, B. Ryan
Members absent: R. Hall, B. Pociask
Alternates present: P. Aho, V. Ward
Alternates absent: S. Westa
Staff present: Jennifer Kaufman, Inland Wetlands Agent

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed Aho and Ward to act in the absence of Hall and Pociask.

Review of Minutes:

- a. 6-02-2014 - Regular Meeting: Ryan MOVED, Chandy seconded, to approve the 6-2-14 regular minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Ward noted for the record she listened to the recording of the meeting.
- b. 6-16-2014- Special Meeting: Ryan moved, Ward seconded, to approve the 6-16-14 special meeting minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Chandy noted for the record she listened to the recording of the meeting.

Communications:

The Conservation Commission draft minutes and the Wetlands Agent report were noted.

Old Business:

- a. W1530 – Rodriguez & Pelletier – 353 Warrenville Rd – addition
Holt MOVED, Chandy seconded, to approve a request for an extension of not more than 65 days of the application of Michael Rodriguez and Melissa Pelletier (File #W1530) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a house addition with basement, patio, shed and piped channel on property owned by the applicants, located at 353 Warrenville Road as shown on a revised map dated May 20, 2014 and as described in revised application submissions. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded, to postpone action on the application of Michael Rodriguez and Melissa Pelletier (File #W1530) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a house addition with basement, patio, shed and piped channel on property owned by the applicants, located at 353 Warrenville Road as shown on a revised map dated May 20, 2014 and as described in revised application submissions. Action on this item is hereby postponed to a special meeting on July 21, 2014 to allow time for the applicant to revise their application and for staff to review. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business:

- a. W1531 – Markus – 59 Hillyndale Rd – Addition
Ryan MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Etan Markus (IWA File #W1531) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a bedroom, bathroom, and sunroom addition on property located at 59 Hillyndale Road, as shown on a map dated 6/11/2014 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. W1532 – Jones – 49 Farrell Rd – Two Car Garage

Ryan MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Janet Jones. (IWA File #1532) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for an attached two car garage on property located at 49 Farrell Road as shown on a map dated 6/1/2014 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and the Conservation Commission for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. W1533 – OMS Development – 625 Middle Turnpike – Request for Exemption

Wetlands Agent Kaufman reviewed the events that led to the property owner's request for a determination if his proposed project was exempt from wetlands regulations. Attorney Schrager, representing the property owner, explained that prior to beginning site cleanup, the owner contacted former Wetlands Agent Meitzler and was informed that the contemplated work may proceed without a wetlands application as no license was needed for the proposed activity. Without this knowledge, the current Agent issued a Stop Work Order. She subsequently met on site with Attorney Schrager and the Director of Planning and Development. They opined that the activity was an exempt activity under the regulations but requested that the matter be determined by the Agency.

Aho MOVED, Holt seconded, to exempt the clearing of vegetation on property owned by OMS Development, LLC, located at 625 Middle Turnpike (IWA File # 1533) as shown on a map dated 7/24/1989 and as described in a June 26, 2014 letter, because the proposal is permitted as a non-regulated activity as per Section 4 of the Inland Watercourses and Wetlands Regulations of the Town of Mansfield. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports from Officers and Committees: The Chairman set a Field Trip for Wednesday, July 16 at 3 p.m.

Other Communications and Bills: Noted.

Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary