

**WINDSOR LOCKS INLAND WETLANDS WATERCOURSES
COMMISSION MEETING - WEDNESDAY - April 6, 2016, 7:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Chair Mr. Robert Crochetiere, Vice Chair Ms. Maryjane Perrier, Mr. Nicholas Giaccone, Mr. James Guthrie, Mr. Richard Pease, Ms. Lacinda VanGieson.

Also Present: Mr. Dan Malo, Wetlands Agent. **Public:** Mr. Angelo D'Aleo

Call to Order: Mr. Crochetiere called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and introduced new members Mr. Guthrie, and Ms. VanGieson to the commission.

Approval of January 6, 2016 Minutes: Mr. Crochetiere asked for a motion to accept the January 6, 2016 Minutes. Ms. Perrier made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 6, 2016, seconded by Mr. Pease. Motion carried.

Scheduled Public Hearings: none **Scheduled Reviews:** none

Old Business/ Project Follow-up and Violations:

57 Elm Street: See Mr. Malo's Wetland Agent report dated April 6, 2016 in regard to long-standing trash and other materials in the upland area of Kettle Brook. He further added that a citation letter will be sent on May 2nd if there is no improvement. Mr. Malo said this is the first occasion he has had to call for a fine and did not like having to do so. Mr. Pease brought up a suggestion by First Selectman Chris Kervick for the creation of a select group of people who would be able to jointly handle a problem like this instead of having the problem laid on one individual. Mr. Crochetiere concurred.

Center Street Subdivision (Daleo Drive): See Mr. Malo's Wetland Agent Report dated April 6, 2016 regarding a retaining wall encroachment of four square feet into the conservation easement. Mr. Crochetiere opened an informal discussion on how to handle the violation, per the advice of the Town Planner & Attorney. The board would consider two alternate options:

Option A would consider the violations as minor and delegate any actions to IWWC staff.

Option B would require the applicant to pull a permit for site plan modifications to remove or relocate the wall.

Mr. Angelo D'Aleo, owner of the site, was in attendance and asked the chair for permission to address the Commission about the history of this problem. He supplied the most recent plan revisions to the board showing the encroachment, and an evaluation from a soil scientist indicating that the Wetlands are more protected now with the design error than they were before. It was stated that to remove the wall, the use of heavy equipment would incur much more damage to the Wetlands. Mr. D'Aleo answered questions from Commission members at length. Concerns were expressed about setting precedence for the acceptance of future errors by developers, however, the Regulations dictate that the case be considered independently. Mr. Malo stated that the informal discussion and consideration of two options was the approach recommended to the Commission and that no precedence would be set. Mr. Malo asked the Commission to review the large maps supplied by Mr. D'Aleo to understand the scope of encroachment; after further discussion:

A motion was made by Mr. Pease, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, to ACCEPT Option A. The motion carried with one abstention.

Woodbridge Condos: See Mr. Malo's Wetland Agent report dated, April 6, 2016.

New Business: none **New Applications:** none

Bills and Correspondence:

Small Cities Grant Applications: Town of Ellington is applying as a 'Lead Community' for a block grant

Connecticut Wildlife Magazine: January/February Edition

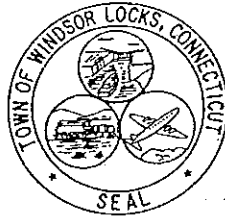
The Habitat Newsletter: Winter 2016 Edition

Other Business: Mr. Pease shared a DEEP Newsletter. He asked the board to consider formally supporting a potential DEEP study for hydro-electric power along the canal. The matter will be brought up at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Giaccone raised jurisdictional concerns about the proposed picnic area; they were forwarded to DEEP for response.

Adjournment: Mr. Giaccone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM, seconded by Ms. Perrier. Motion carried.

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To: Windsor Locks Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Old business

- 1) **57 Elm** – Backyard debris issue beginning in 9/3/15. Kate Bednaz visited and observed material littered (trash, toys, and pallets) in the backyard of the property, within the Upland Review Area of Kettle Brook. Tom Gormley sent 2 letters to the home in November; inspected 12/24/15 – The conditions worsened. A friendly letter was sent 12/31 reminding the homeowner of the complaint and Blight/Wetlands issues. Inspected 2/23/16. Condition unchanged. Sent Notice of Violation 2/25.
- 2) **Center Street Subdivision (Daleo Drive)** – Jen and I met with Surveyor Sandy Aeschliman on 1/26 to discuss the nearing completion of the subdivision and the placement of markers in the easement area which were found to be misplaced. A retaining wall has been built which encroaches four feet into the review area. IWWC Chairman Crochetiere and I inspected the area on 2/11 and observed the incursion; the builder was requested to submit a proposal for remedy or plan modification for the Commission's consideration. Plans & letter received from Soil Scientist Wes Wentworth on 2/29.
- 3) **Woodridge Condos** – Project status letter from Ken Sabine received 3/28. Touch up grading, seeding and silt fence maintenance has begun. Weather permitting, excavation of (4) units to commence 4/4.

New Issues

- 1) **None/No New Applications**

Correspondence

- 1) **Small Cities Grant Application** – Notification of block grant application
- 2) **Connecticut Wildlife Magazine** - January/February edition
- 3) **The Habitat Newsletter** - Winter 2016 newsletter

Other Items

- 1) **None**