

March 24, 2004

Members Present: Dorothy Hill, Helen Gray, Charles La Muniere, Mark Picton, Marguerite Purnell.

Alternates Present: Anthony Bedini.

Alternates Absent: Candace Korzenko.

Staff Present: Michael Ajello, Katherine Moquin.

Also Present: John Addyman - Voices, Jamie Lintner, Brian Neff, Karla Donnelly, Dorota Habib, Dirk Sabin, Christopher Gatto.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., Chairman Hill presiding.

Seated members present - Dorothy Hill, Helen Gray, Charles La Muniere, Mark Picton, and Marguerite Purnell.

ADDED to the Agenda March 19, 2004 Site Visit Minutes: 1) **Ingrassia- IW-04-07**, 2) **Kweskin-IW-04-08**, 3) **Steep Rock Association- IW-04-09** to Consideration of Minutes and applications: 1) **Gatto-IW-04-01**, 2) **McGorty-IW-01-71** to New Applications. Motion by Mrs. Gray, second by Mr. Picton and passed 5-0.

Accepted, as amended, Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2004. Motion by Mrs. Gray, second by Mr. Picton and passed 5-0.

Corrections as follows:

Page 3 - under O'Brien - line 1 - "swelling" should be "dwelling."

Accepted, as written, Site Inspection Minutes of March 19, 2004 re: Ingrassia- IW-04-07. Motion by Mr. Picton, second by Mrs. Hill and passed 5-0.

Accepted, as written, Site Inspection Minutes of March 19, 2004 re: Kweskin-IW-04-08. Motion by Ms. Purnell, second by Mrs. Gray and passed 5-0.

Accepted, as written, Site Inspection Minutes of March 19, 2004 re: Steep Rock Association-IW-04-09. Motion by Ms. Purnell, second by Mrs. Gray and passed 5-0.

Heard, in re **Di Benedetto, IW-04-03, 212/214 Calhoun Street, remove invasives, vines, dead trees / prune**, that WEO Ajello sent a letter, dated 4-16-04, to inform Mr. Di Benedetto of the status of his application, and that the commission will want to wait to see the results of his pilot project in the growing season before acting on the current application.

APPROVED Cornell, IW-04-04, Romford Road, timber harvest, culverts, temporary stream crossings, with four conditions: 1) The logging operation is to use only the two crossings described on the plan, " Northeast Forest Management, Culvert application, temporary stream crossing by Jamie Lintner, BS., dated 3-19-04." 2) After the trees are marked and the skid trails laid out, WEO Ajello will review the plan on site and make any necessary adjustments. 3) The logging operation is to take place when conditions are dry and the soil is firm. 4) The wetland corduroy crossing of the soft place behind the landing area is to use geo-textile fabric and logs, instead of a culvert, as described on the above cited plan. Motion by Mr. Picton, second by Mr. La Muniere and passed 5-0.

Members reviewed the submitted information and questioned agent, Jamie Lintner regarding the two crossings and the number of trees to be harvested along the stream. Members heard from WEO Ajello that there are no apparent streams or wetlands **other** than those identified. WEO Ajello will file the related portion of the topography map of Washington, "US Dept. of Interior Geological Survey."

Members voted to approve this application because the work plans minimize the potential for damage to wetlands and watercourses.

Discussed Ingrassia, IW-04-07, 135 East Shore Road, demolish & re-build barn, with agent, Brian Neff who submitted a plan, "Site Plans, Ingrassia Barn by Halper Owens Architects, LLC, dated 1-6-04." Members reviewed the plans and requested: 1) Due diligence be paid to a condition of the prior permit-IW-00-53 that the access for construction/rebuilding of house and barn be temporary, limited to the length of construction. 2) A copy of the letter from the State D.O.T requiring the removal of two trees on the east side - a 24" oak and a 24' ash. 3) The following to be depicted on the above cited plans: a) The proposed contours. b) An estimate of the amount of fill. c) A line to show the entire lake shore area north of the dock as a permanent lake shore buffer of native vegetation, and the dock landing area on the north-west side of the property as re-vegetated with native vegetation. d) The access path along the back of the barn described in detail, including the width and as much re-vegetated buffer as possible. e) A description of drainage improvements. f) Sedimentation and erosion controls. g) The limit of the work area and surface disturbances- what part of the site would be re-worked. h) A wood railing to keep people from going beyond the work area along the lake.

APPROVED Kweskin, IW-04-08, 143 East Shore Road, concrete wall, stone wall, stone steps, deck repair with four conditions: 1) Step repair on the south side is to include only the replacement of the existing structure and be done with no earth work. 2) Deck repair on the west - lake side is to include only sanding, painting, and replacing any rotten wood and be done with no earth work; 3) A suitable barrier to debris tumbling down slope at the northern end of the terrace / northwest corner of the wall is to be added to the sedimentation and erosion controls; WEO Ajello recommends a tarp. 4) Any machinery is to enter the property from the south side of the terrace. Motion by Mr. Picton, second by Mrs. Gray and passed 5-0.

Members reviewed submitted information with Karla Donnelly who submitted a construction sequence including added deck repairs. Members voted to approve this application because the whole work area is self-contained and all aspects considered.

APPROVED Steep Rock Association, IW-04-09, 124 Christian Street, construct foot-bridge with five conditions: 1) Access to the bridge is to be from the southwest; no machinery is to cross Bee Brook. 2) No material is to be deposited into Bee Brook during excavation for the concrete block footings. 3) The small watercourse immediately to the south of the bridge is not to be disturbed. 4) Disturbed areas may require restoration. Motion by Ms. Purnell, second by Mrs. Gray and passed 5-0.

Members reviewed newly submitted material and voted to approve this application because the application is straight forward and very little impact will occur to Bee Brook if the work is done as planned.

Discussed Rumsey Hall School, IW-04-10, 201 Romford Road, water supply system, with business manager, Dorota Habib who submitted a map showing the campus layout, "Campus Topography, Rumsey Hall School, 201 Romford Road by Smith & Company, dated 4-10-03." Members reviewed the plans and asked questions. They noted the distance of 60' of flat land from the existing pump house to the Bantam River, where the existing wells will remain. WEO Ajello and Ms. Purnell will make a site inspection before the next meeting.

Discussed Bronson, IW-04-11, 149 Romford Road, dry hydrant. Members noted that the work involves a temporary impact to the pond which cannot be avoided.

Discussed Mayfair Properties, LLC, IW-04-12, 116 Woodbury Road / 35 Wykeham Road, install utility line, with agent, Brian Neff. Members reviewed the plans and noted that the utility company recommended that the proposed underground utility line come off an existing pole on Wykeham Road

in order to provide three phase service.

Discussed Lloyd, IW-04-13, 149 Whittlesey Road, inground pool, terrace, landscape, with agent, Dirk Sabin. Members noted that the proposed pool area has an existing grade which is 9' higher than the rivers. Members requested a copy of the map **without** any previously proposed / unapproved activities and the following added to the map: 1) The stockpile location. 2) A stipulation that the grading will not change outside of the pool and terrace location.

Discussed Luers, IW-04-14, 44 Upper Church Hill Road, dredge pond, remove invasives, plant, with agent Dirk Sabin who said the wetland soils are flagged. Members requested the soil science report and the flagged wetlands map be submitted. Members will make a **Site Visit** on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Discussed Steep Rock Association, IW-03-17, 52 Litchfield Tpke., permit compliance, bridge approval. Members expressed concerns about the proposed use of treated lumber. Mr. Ajello will tell Executive Director, Susan Branson, to discontinue the use of treated lumber and ask her for more details about bridge construction.

APPROVED the revisions to permit **Gatto, IW-04-01, 155 Woodbury Road, repair & extend stone wall, install fences, renovate barn, gravel driveway, move bushes** per the memo, "Request Revision to application # IW-04-01, Laura and Christopher Gatto, dated 3-22-04 and revised 3-24-04." Motion by Mrs. Hill, second by Ms. Purnell and passed 5-0.

Members discussed the proposed revisions with Christopher Gatto. Members voted to approve the revisions because from a water quality perspective, the driveway revision is an improvement and provisions made for sedimentation and erosion control will take care of any short term impacts to the stream. The second story addition to the house will not change the footprint, no earth work is required, and the balcony on the stream side will be removed.

APPROVED the revisions to permit **Mc Gorty, IW-01-71, 134 South Street / Nichols Hill Road, free-cut lot split**, with one condition that a detailed driveway plan come back to the Inland Wetlands Commission for review of potential erosion towards the wetlands and potential impacts to the 100' upland review area; applicants are advised to minimize the length of the driveway. Motion by Mr. Picton, second by Mrs. Hill and passed 4-1-0. Ms. Purnell voted nay because the possibility exists for long term impacts to wetlands and watercourses, the potential exists for sedimentation coming off the increased length of the driveway, and because of the loss of canopy associated with the increased length of driveway.

Members discussed the proposed changes and expressed concerns about the increased length of driveway (three times as long.)

Heard, in re **Guliano, IW-04-V1, 19 Winston Drive, WEO approval**, that Mrs. Hill did not yet consult Atty. Michael Zizka.

Heard, in re **H.O.R.S.E. of CT., Wilbur Road, timber harvest**, that WEO Ajello that no apparent impacts to wetlands occurred from last summer's logging activity but he is arranging a site inspection by the DEP Division of Forestry.

Heard, in re **Sheinfeld, IW-02-61 ATF, Record Conservation Easement and Mylar Map**, that Mrs. Hill has signed the mylar map to be recorded and is now waiting for a conservation easement.

Heard, in re **Beck, IW-02-V1, 132 Calhoun Street, timber harvest**, that WEO Ajello contacted the DEP Division of Forestry about a site inspection; Alan Durkin is not registered with the State Directory of Certified Forest Practitioners.

Heard, in re **Fish, IW-04-V2, 201 Wykeham Road, timber harvest near wetlands, permit violation**, that agent, Brian Neff promised to contact Mr. Fish.

Discussed, briefly, upcoming training by the Northwest CT. Council of Governments, Confederation of Lakes.

Adjourned the meeting at 11:13 p.m. Motion by Gray and passed 5-0.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Moquin, Land Use Secretary April 2, 2004