

**CITY OF NORWALK
INLAND WETLAND AGENCY
AUGUST 25, 2009**

PRESENT: D. Seeley Hubbard, Acting Chair; Ed Holowinko; Emily Wilson; Anne Cagnina; Elizabeth Ackerman; Gwen Briggs (6:07); Matthew Caputo (6:10)

STAFF: Yarifalia Bletsas, Environmental Compliance Officer

OTHERS: Atty. Elizabeth Suchy

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Bletsas took the roll call.

RECEIPT AND DISCUSSION

- a) #S07-282 – 28 Saxon Road – Layman** – Request for permit extension to complete landscaping in and adjacent to wetland and watercourse

Ms. Bletsas explained that the applicant wanted a two-year extension, due to economic reasons and time constraints. She clarified that no work had been done yet and that this was an extension of the exact same application.

- ** MS. CAGNINA MADE A MOTION TO GRANT A PERMIT EXTENSION OF TWO YEARS.**
**** MS. WILSON SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION

- a) #S09-353 – 5 Driftwood Lane – Allimant** – Corrective Action deposition of fill, grading, and removal of vegetation adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Bletsas stated that an extension had been granted to allow the applicant to obtain more accurate information from the surveyor. She said that the amount of fill on the property was now down to 250 cubic yards.

Ms. Bletsas noted that new information had been submitted early today and that staff would review it and distribute the information to the Agency for discussion at the next meeting.

- b) #S09-350 – 8 Norden Place – Norden Place, LLC** – Construction of a multi-family residential building, four detached single-family buildings and associated parking, drainage and other activities in and adjacent to wetlands **1**

and watercourses

Ms. Bletsas said that a request for an extension had been received, adding that the public hearing should be scheduled for September 22, 2009. She said that consultants had met concerning plans for the property.

Atty. Suchy discussed the item, stating that plans would be modified according to the results of the consultants' meeting. She added that the sewer line would be relocated outside the wetland.

**** MR. HUBBARD MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO SKIP TO THE ONE ITEM UNDER REFERRALS.**
**** MR. CAPUTO SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REFERRALS

- a) Zoning Commission - #7-09R/#7-09SP - Norden Place, LLC - 8 Norden Place** - Proposed amendments to Section 118-711 to permit multifamily and single family dwellings by special permit in Restricted Industrial zone

Ms. Bletsas said that the Planning Commission would be reviewing the text amendment.

There was a brief discussion of how to convey the Agency's comments to the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION, CONTINUED

- c) #S09-349 – 10 Douglas Drive – Nenin** - Corrective Action deposition of fill and removal of vegetation in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Mr. Caputo recused himself.

Ms. Bletsas explained that the applicant had requested an extension, because the owner would be out of the country.

**** MS. ACKERMAN MADE A MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO SEPTEMBER 22.**
**** MS. WILSON SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- d) #S09-343 – 252 Fillow Street – Sacco** – Construction of a bridge and associated activities in and adjacent to a watercourse and wetland

Ms. Bletsas stated that Ms. Cherichetti had discussed the item with Corporation Counsel. She distributed a memo from Corporation Counsel, which the Commission reviewed. Ms. Bletsas noted that the Agency has 35 days from the close of the hearing to make a decision, so that the deadline for a decision comes at the September 8, 2009 meeting.

Ms. Cagnina asked for clarification of the applicant's request to access the property

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through Little Fox Lane.

Mr. Hubbard pointed out that the applicant in essence wanted the Agency to approve something that was a violation of the subdivision.

Ms. Bletsas reiterated that staff would draft a resolution based on the Agency's comments.

Mr. Caputo explained that Corporation Counsel clearly believed that creating a new access across the wetland would violate the subdivision. He added that Counsel also determined that the easement/driveway agreement was permanent.

Mr. Hubbard also stated that the applicant approached the issue from a Zoning point of view.

Mr. Caputo reiterated that the applicant had a reasonable alternative in using Fillow Street to access the property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) August 11, 2009

The item was tabled until the next meeting.

COMMENTS OF STAFF

- a) Compliance Summary

Ms. Bletsas detailed several items, including the following properties: 469 Newtown Avenue; 7 Rising Road; 9 Crossbrook Lane; 21 Bonnybrook Lane; 11 Bumblebee Lane; 75 West Norwalk Road; 41 Bove Street; 13 Buttonwood; 13 Rising Road; and 136 Partrick Avenue.

Ms. Bletsas described a DPW application for work on Willow Street. She said that DPW planned to utilize a 'vac truck' to remove the excess sediment from the area. The Agency agreed that this would be a minor permit.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Report of Commission Chair

There were none tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. CAPUTO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.
- ** MS. CAGNINA SECONDED.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Smith.