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Oxford Conservation Commission Inland Wetlands Agency

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

The **Regular Meeting** of the Oxford Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency was held in the Main Meeting Room of the S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Acting Chairman S. Purcella Gibbons

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL: Acting Chairman S. Purcella Gibbons

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Adamski, Bill Richter, Ethan Stewart.

Also present: I/W Enforcement Officer A. Ferrillo Jr., and Denise Randall Administrative Secretary.

ABSENT:

Chairman Michael Herde

AMENDEMENTS TO AGENDA:

D.E.E.P. findings on Emerald Borer

MOTION made by Commissioner B. Richter to accept the one amendment to the Agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner E. Stewart.

All in Favor – **4-0**

I.W.E. Officer A. Ferrillo stated that the Emerald Borer found was originally in the Naugatuck State Forest and D.E.E.P. checked in a 2 and half mile radius and found them in Oxford as well.

Acting Chairman S. Purcella Gibbons asked: Is there anything we can do about them?

I.W.E. Officer A. Ferrillo replied: There is nothing we can do, it is up to D.E.E.P. and that is why they placed an Ash Tree quarantine on the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Belmar Farms IW-12-115- discussion of vortechnic Unit and Smart sponge.

I.W.E. Officer A. Ferrillo explained to the Commission that the Town Engineer and Commissioner T. Adamski discussed the differences in the hydrodynamic separators vs. the smart sponge.

Commissioner T. Adamski went onto explain that our Town Engineer (Jim Galligan) agreed the hydrodynamic separators are not that good in separating oil and the only issue with adsorbent is that they require regular maintenance with a maintenance schedule and we need to make sure they are observing this. A letter will be put together from the town engineer to send to Belmar Farms engineer. The only question is, where will the adsorbent oil be put, will it be put in the catch basins or in the separator.

I.W.E. Officer A. Ferrillo replied that he will draft a letter regarding regular scheduled maintenance as well as where they are going to be placing the adsorbent. As in the motion, the Commission has decided after further discussion with the Town Engineer if we require smart sponge technology on the project.

Commissioner T. Adamski stated: I also spoke to the Town Engineer regarding the Crown Vetch planted around the High School Athletic Field and found out that has been widely used by the State Highway Department, it is now considered an invasive. I suggested that we don't need to use this type of invasive in Oxford again but there is nothing really we can do at the new athletic field, as it is already there. One of the advantages that they see is in the Fall season the plant falls over and forms a thatch and so now you don't have the raindrops in the soil but the root structure is not that great.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEW APPLICATIONS REQUIRING OCCIWA APPROVAL (ACCEPTANCE)

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ACCEPTANCE OF APPROVAL MINUTES & CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES (IF ANY):

MOTION made by Commissioner Sue Purcella Gibbons to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 12, 2013 with the following corrections: Add Commissioner Bill Richter to Commissioners present at the meeting on page 1 and on page 3- the word "wandering" should be corrected to "wondering" (stated by Chairman M. Herde) **Seconded** by Commissioner B. Richter. All in Favor **4-0**

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

I.W.E. Officer A. Ferrillo stated: The letter from our Town Engineer states the deficiencies found on the recent 10 Park Road survey performed by D'Amico Associates. This letter was scanned to Mr. D'Amico and mailed to Ms. Vicky Tkacz. We will wait to hear from Mr. D'Amico. We will hopefully hear back from him by our next meeting on March 12.

COMPLAINT/CONCERN:

None

APPLICATIONS NOT REQUIRING OCCIWA APPROVAL:

None

MATTERS OF VIOLATIONS/LITIGATIONS:

1. Michael Ligi -501 Roosevelt (Town Engineered report dated 9-12-2011
Commission requested the Enforcement Officer to contact Mr. Ligi regarding the current status of the wall constructed without a permit.
2. Notice of Violation Cease and Restore Order – Susan Kupec-Jutcawitz Randall
Drive Detention Pond Collapsed (Pending repair) Wetlands and zoning both approved removal of outlet construction and retaining wall. Not yet completed.
3. Notice of Violation Cease & Desist--- Ms. V. Tkacz-(10 Park Rd.)
Certified Letter sent on 7/5/12 by I/W and Letter sent by P&Z on 10/1/12. Letter received.
Engineer F. D'Amico engaged by owner to prepare site plan. Site plan received and sent to town engineer for review.
4. Notice of Violation Cease & Desist ---Mr. Frank H. & Robert Samuelson (Under the Rock Park) on Roosevelt Drive

REPORTS ON SEMINARS, INSPECTIONS, and OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED OR ATTENDED NEWSPAPER ITEMS & P & Z MINUTES:

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

A discussion ensued regarding the Town Wide Clean-up. Commissioner S. Purcella Gibbons acknowledged the resolution received by the First Selectman and addressed the Commission on some of the next steps to take that include contacting local media and ordering the 4 reams of green paper so we can copy and distribute early enough around town. A Commercial clean-up

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letter was also received and will be going out to nearby commercial restaurants, offices and retail. The I/W Secretary agreed to contact Comcast, The Voices, Oxford Patch and Oxford Airport for advertising and sponsorship. The public works department will also be contacted regarding the last 2 Saturday's for the month of April to be open an hour later.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN & OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS
OTHER:

- 1) **Oxford Oak, LLC 360 Oxford Road** (Lot 39) (Stabilization of site).
- 2) Open Space Inventory Map. Completed by New England Geosystems
- 3) **NOV WR SW 06 007 (Issued 4/10/06) CT DEP Meadow Brook Estates, Great Hill Road** (Remove Sediment from Pond & Stream) (Letter dated 9/27/06) (Memo dated 8/4/06).
- 4) Town of Oxford Catch Basins (Silt Removal).
- 5) Storm Drain Marker Program (Phase II).
- 6) Meadowbrook Estates Detention Pond/Harrison-Byk- Area to be monitored by Nafis and Young staff and I.W. Officer for period of 1 year to determine if expanded detention pond is sufficient.

MATTERS OF CONSERVATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT :

MOTION to adjourn by Commissioner B. Richter and seconded by Commissioner T. Adamski to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Voted **4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Randall
Administrative OCCIWA Secretary

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT
Margaret A. West
TOWN CLERK