

Willington Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission
January 25, 2021 – 6:00PM
SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

Please Note: This meeting was held online.

Members Present:

Dave Schreiber
Patrick Lord
Mark Drobney

Also Present:

Michael D'Amato - Zoning Agent
Ashley Stephens - Assistant Land Use Agent

D. Schreiber called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

C. Public Hearing:

N/A

D. New Business: 1. IW-20-13 Application for Single Family Dwelling with modifications to existing driveway access within upland review area at 46 Navratil Road Map 14 Lot 19 Owner/Applicant: Christopher Sutyla

A.Bushnell, engineer for the applicant spoke from Bushnell Associates. There is a brook running from the NE corner to SW corner of property. The map shows wetlands along the driveway and culvert. The wetlands were delineated on the map with existing gravel driveway there now. It seems that it used to be a gravel yard. The pipe there is in good condition and stable. The house and septic are out of the wetlands and upland review. Only the underground utilities will be in the upland review area near the house. There is a turnout so cars can pull over and pass if need be. The driveway will need to be extended 2 feet in some areas to make sure it fits the 10 foot regulations for driveways in town. There are no activities in the actual wetland area, only in the upland review area.

D. Schreiber asked if the RCP pipe has ever been overtopped with water flow.

A.Bushnell stated it has always been stable and never over flowed.

P. Lord asked if A.Bushnell can talk about how the underground utilities will be put in.

A.Bushnell stated they will go in over the top of the pipe. They are working to make sure they have the right amount of road coverage.

P. Lord asked A.Bushnell if the existing gravel road coming off of Navratil Road will have any improvements there or will it be as is?

A.Bushnell stated no there will be an improvement right at the end of the road. They will use the existing driveway and build it up in certain areas, but they are going to keep the grading.

D. Schreiber stated there needs to be a good anti scour pad.

A. Bushnell stated that there is a good one there now.

P. Lord asked if A. Bushnell can describe the sequencing and construction methods.

A. Bushnell stated that as part of the existing driveway, they will clear off edges to see where the gravel ends, take out organic material, install underground utilities, and add gravel to get the width for the driveway and then 4 inches of aggregate as needed. There are erosion controls as you head up the driveway with silt fencing where it is prone to erosion with more disturbance that is coming down the hill. It looks to be the only area we will need these measures for erosion control.

D. Schreiber asked how long do you think the RCP pipe has been in there.

A. Bushnell thinks about since 1991, from a survey that shows the crossing of when they may have put it in. It's not a storm drain system so there's no breakdown, and only gets water from the wetlands. The pipe will last a long time.

P. Lord asked if there was an application for the installation of the RCP pipe.

D. Schreiber said he doesn't remember seeing an application for it in the past.

M. D'Amato stated he and A. Stephens walked the property with the applicant and stated that it was part of the sand and gravel property. It is all well established. It does not look like there was ever a lot of runoff volume in that area and we are not concerned with it. The only additional condition would be for no work left unstable during construction, and workers need to make sure the area is stable before going home.

D. Schreiber made a comment on the driveway that goes over pipe and upland review area, to make sure they are able to stabilize it.

A. Bushnell stated that will not be a problem at all.

P. Lord made a motion to approve

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In addition to the standard conditions for a wetlands permit the following conditions were added:

1. Erosion sedimentation controls shall be installed and inspected by town staff as submitted on site plan
2. All work within wetland and or watercourse shall be stabilized as work continues, no portion of the site shall be left unprotected from erosion
3. Minor modifications not resulting greater in impact to wetlands or watercourse must be approved by town staff.

M. Drobney seconded the motion. All in favor.

E. Old Business:

For the record of the minutes, it should be noted that T. Gutowski's term expired and she did not resign, according to the minutes from 8/24/2020.

F. Correspondence

M. D'Amato stated that in March, there is the CT Bar Association is running their training for commissioners that covers Planning and Zoning and Inland and Wetland items on March 6, 2021 that commissioners are allowed to attend if they wish.

We are still waiting for forestry regulations to be signed by the DEEP Commissioner and we will report back once those are squared away.

G. Staff report and Discussion

M. D'Amato stated we may have an agent approval application and another application for a large parcel that has some wetlands but we are not sure if they will need a wetlands permit yet.

H. Public Comment: The Commission will hear brief comments at this time for anyone wishing to speak. No business can be conducted here nor can any comments be made about any items on the agenda

I. Adjournment

D. Schreiber adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Stephens