

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2011**

The Conservation Commission, acting as the Inland Wetland Agency of the Town of Fairfield held a Meeting on December 1, 2011, in Meeting Room II of the Honorable John J. Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stanton Lesser, Chairman; Milan Bull, Vice Chairman; Frank Rice, Secretary; Kevin Gumpper; Joan Neiley; Catherine O'Donnell; and Kathleen Maxham.

ALTERNATES: Douglas Jones and Philip DiGennaro, Jr. **ABSENT:** Elizabeth Jones. Also Present: Thomas Steinke, Conservation Director; Annette Jacobson, Conservation Administrator; Edward Jones, Wetlands Compliance Officer/Open Space Manager; and members of the public and press.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Lesser.

Chairman Lesser introduced Commissioner Catherine O'Donnell, who was recently appointed to the Conservation Commission by First Selectman Michael Tetreau.

II. **APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:** Philip DiGennaro, Jr. was appointed to sit as a full member.

III. **BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting November 1, 2011: Kevin Gumpper *moved*, and Kathleen Maxham *seconded* to approve the November 1, 2011 meeting minutes. *Motion passed unanimously.*

B. Approval of Recording Secretary's Bill of November 1, 2011: Kathleen Maxham *moved*, and Kevin Gumpper *seconded* to approve the recording secretary's bill of November 1, 2011. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Douglas Jones arrived at 7:34 p.m. and Joan Neiley arrived at 7:35 p.m., during discussion on the following matter:

C. Regulations Committee – Frank Rice, Chairman: Regulations Committee: meetings currently suspended. Frank Rice noted that the Committee was established on March 4, 2011, and that there has not been very much activity. Mr. Rice noted that he has found some inconsistencies in the standard conditions utilized by the Inland Wetland Agency, and will be making some recommendations for possible revisions. Mr. Rice will also continue to review the inland wetland regulations and anticipates making recommendations for revision to that document as well. Frank Rice anticipates presenting this information for the February 2012 meeting for consideration by the Inland Wetland Agency. A public hearing is required if the Inland Wetland Agency intends to revise its Regulations. Connecticut State Statutes and any new Public Acts relative to Inland Wetlands and Watercourses will be reviewed in conjunction with revising the Regulations.

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL BY
THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**

IV. INLAND WETLANDS – DELIBERATIVE SESSION

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. IWP 2003-08, Black Rock Realty, LLC – Status Report/Update by Redniss and Mead Consultant on 3rd Train Station: Stanton Lesser noted that the ribbon cutting for the Third Station will be held on Friday, December 2nd, at 1:30 p.m., and that the location of the ceremony would be on the northbound side of the tracks. Milan Bull recommended that the Commission view the wetland on the site.

2. Request For Release of Performance Bonds:

Kathleen Maxham *moved*, and Douglas Jones *seconded* to approve the following request for release of performance bond as recommended by Staff:

a. IWP 2000-05, Wellner, 115 Senate Lane, Builder's Lot 4, Request of Walt Stapleton for final release of \$1000.00:

Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Gumpper, Catherine O'Donnell, and Frank Rice recused themselves on the following matter; Chairman Lesser noted that both Philip DiGennaro, Jr. and Douglas Jones were appointed to sit as full members for this matter.

Kathleen Maxham *moved*, and Douglas Jones Jones *seconded* to approve the following request for release of performance bond as recommended by Staff:

b. IWP 2008-09-05, Fairfield University, North Benson Road, New Village Dorm; request of Walt Stapleton for final release of \$7,800.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Monthly Wetland Business Update For The Agency: Informational.

V. NEW APPLICATION:

1. IWPA 2011-12-05, 185 Thorpe Street Corporation, 185 Thorpe Street; Assessor's Map 180, Parcel 148. Demo existing structures and construct 64 unit residential development, drainage and grading, within a regulated area. Kevin Gumpper *moved*, and Kathleen Maxham *seconded* to find the matter significant and to schedule a public hearing on February 2, 2012. *Motion passed unanimously.*

VI. OTHER: None noted.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Milan Bull moved and Kathleen Maxham seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Gabriel