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Minutes

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Date: May 12, 2011

Place: Watertown High School Lecture Hall
324 French Street
Watertown Connecticut

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy executed the roll call.

Present: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini
Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy
Mr. Michael Genovese
Ms. Martha Sturgis
Mr. Joseph Polletta (8:15 P.M.)

Absent: Mr. Brian Benoit
Mr. Richard Sarandrea
Mr. Todd Robinson
Ms. Dorota Habib

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Mr. Moosa Rafey
Town Engineer, Mr. Chuck Berger
Land Use Secretary, Mr. Chuck Bezio

3. Public Participation

Mr. Berger Town Engineer Chuck Berger requested to have the following items added to the agenda.

1. Application # 771 for modification to permits # 728 & 692 for the walking trail at Echo Lake Road. We plan to remove some of the grass area for the sidewalk.
2. Application # 772 for phase I Greenway Steele Brook Walkway. This is behind the Seimon Company.
3. 5-Town Naugatuck River Greenway clean up. We will be doing a number of site including behind the Siemon Company. We want to remove some of the invasive species. We may need to use shovels to pull some of the Japanese Knot weed. Some of the activity will be in the wetlands.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to add Application # 771 for modification to permits # 728 & 692 for the walking trail at Echo Lake Road and Application # 772 for phase I Greenway Steele Brook Walkway under agenda item 6. New Applications and the 5-Town Naugatuck River Greenway clean up under item 8. New Business.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

Mr. Philippi Stephen Philippi was present and requested to have added to the agenda, Application # 773 for cleaning and disturbing wetlands at 349 Artillery Road.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to add to the under agenda item 6. New Applications, application # 773.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

Mr. Rafey

Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Mr. Moosa Rafey requested to have items added to the agenda, Application # 770 for a construction of a gazebo at 268 MT. Fair Drive.

MOTION: Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to add to the agenda as item 11 A.2 under Reports from Staff, application #770.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

4. Action on Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting January 13, 2011**
- B. Public Hearing February 10, 2011 CCIWA Proposed Amendments**
- C. Regular Meeting February 10, 2011**
- D. Regular Meeting March 10, 2011**
- E. Site Walk April 9, 2011**
- F. Regular Meeting April 14, 2011**
- G. Special Meeting May 2, 2011**

MOTION: Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to approve the Minutes item A through item E and table items F & G to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

5. Pending Applications

- A. **Application #760 of David Pope for construction of a new single-family dwelling within upland review area on Lot 10 Fox Crossing Subdivision, Lovley Drive, Watertown, CT.**

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by May 14, 2011.

Mr. Pope I received a letter from the Northwest Conservation district today. I would like more time in order to review the contents of the letter.

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler read into the record a letter from Northwest Conservation District, Sean Hayden dated 5/9/11.

Northwest Conservation District
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Torrington CT 06790
(860) 626-7222,
conservect.org/northwest

May 9, 2011

Assistant Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Depot Square Business Center, Suite 502
Watertown, CT 06795

Re: Alternatives for the Development of Lot #10 on Lovley Drive, Watertown

Dear Mr. Rafey,

As requested by the Watertown Conservation Commission / Inland Wetland Agency (CCIWA) I have performed a site visit and reviewed the alternatives proposed for the development of the property mentioned above and would like to provide the commission with the following comments and recommendations. As currently proposed the originally approved house and driveway would have much less impact on surrounding wetlands as compared to a proposal illustrated on a design sheet prepared by Kratzen, Jones & Associates, Inc. dated February 15,

2011 titled Proposed Improvement Location Map for Lot #10 Fox Crossing, Lovley Development Inc. The entire house, utility trenches and most of the driveway on the current proposal are within the 100 foot review area, creating thousands of square feet of impervious surface that will generate polluted stormwater runoff. Currently there are no stormwater quality renovation measures proposed to manage runoff from impervious surfaces. Therefore, the current application does not demonstrate that this land development proposal will have no adverse impacts on the wetlands. The CCIW A should require the applicant to provide details on how wetlands will be protected from impervious surface runoff. In addition, the current proposal has a foundation wall less than ten feet from the conservation easement line. It will be very difficult to keep all work activities outside the easement area given that disturbance from the construction of a home usually extends more than ten feet. The originally approved project only has a small area of pervious fill slope within the 100 foot review area. Therefore, of the alternatives presented to the CCIW A, the originally approved lot has far less impact as compared to the current proposal. Given these two alternatives, the originally approved plan is clearly a "feasible and prudent alternative" that allows for reasonable use of the property. Northwest Conservation District (NCD) appreciates this opportunity to assist Watertown with their land use management decisions. If a plan-of-development is revised the NCD would welcome the opportunity to up-date this site plan review. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely, Sean Hayden
Certified Soil Scientist - (Society of Soil Scientist of Southern New England)
Certified Wetlands Soil Delineator - (Army Corps of Engineers, 1987 Method)
Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control - (CPESC # - 2181)

David Pope submitted a 35 day extension into the record.

MOTION: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

- B. Application #763 of the Brass City Hyundai, LLC for construction of an addition to an existing building and additional parking at 674 Straits Turnpike, Watertown.**

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by June 18, 2011.

Mr. Pustola

Steve Pustola from Pustola and Associates was present on behalf of the applicant and explained the application #763 of the Brass City Hyundai, LLC for construction of an addition to an existing building and additional parking at 674 Straits Turnpike, Watertown to the Commission. The applicant is proposing to construct a 10,300 square foot, two-story building addition for a new automobile dealership and repair facility with associated parking on a 4.78 acre parcel located at 674 Straits Turnpike, in Watertown, CT the former State Dairy. The site is currently partially developed and contains an existing 10,700 square foot building. The northerly wing of this building will be removed to allow for the construction of the proposed addition. The proposed addition will be constructed in an area that is currently paved. Inland wetlands exist on the property in the northwest portion of the lot. Approximately 4,400 square feet of wetlands will be created contiguous to the existing wetlands as a way of mitigating the loss of two small wetland areas due to the proposed construction. Access from Straits Turnpike and State Street will remain in relatively the same location as they are now. Site lighting will be provided via building mounted wallpacks and light poles. All lighting fixtures called for on the plans meet the requirements for full cut-off or 'Dark Sky' compliancy. All utilities gas, electric, water, and sewer servicing the proposed building will be placed underground. The storm water runoff from the proposed development pavement and building will be directed into several catch basins and discharged to a detention basin then released via a controlled release structure to the existing wetlands. Standard erosion controls have been designed to be used during construction including silt-fencing down slope of disturbed areas, an anti-tracking pad at the construction entrance and silt sacks and hay bales for catch basins. Further erosion control details are located on the Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan sheet SP-4. The area of wetlands that are existing: 24,820 sq. ft. .we are proposing to eliminated: 4000 sq. ft. and create 4,400 sq. ft.. The total post development: 25,220 sq. ft. or 0.58 acres that is a net increase of 400 sq. ft.. Area of Upland Review Area Altered will be 88,000 sq. ft..or, 2.02 acres with a soil type of Udorthents-Urban land complex. He explained the proposed alternatives to the Commission: You will have a reduce flow of water in a storm event with this project. We will be increasing the wetlands on the site. We will be adding wetland plants and soil types. He explained the proposed stormwater management system to the

Commission: He noted that at the site walk concerns were noted regarding the sides of the detention basins. We will be putting wetland plantings within the basins.

Mr. Undercuffler

Is the basin larger?

Mr. Pustola

Hydrologically it is the same put it is flatter.

Ms. Sturgis

Can you explain how treatment of the water will occur?

Ms. Rabinowitz

Cynthia Rabinowitz of ConnSoil in Bethlemlhem CT a Soil Scientist/Landscape Designer & Permaculture Design Consultant and explained her report dated 4/27/11 and 5/2/11 to the Commission. She noted that she had I re-visited the above-referenced site yesterday to review the two stormwater drains that are directed onto the site. The drain from State Street empties into a man-made pool and channel in the woods, behind the existing building. The drain from RT 63 empties into a man-made channel in the north sector of the site and drains towards the property line in a northwesterly direction. Both of the drainage channels have deep sediment of a sandy-gravelly texture. I was able to dig to approximately 24 inches in this sediment before water inundation of the hole prevented further digging. I did not observe natural wetland soils in either of the channels. The northerly channel has high algae growth indicating nutrient loading in the sediment carried by the stormwater. The channel is unshaded at this time of year which has caused the temperatures to rise, and an early algae bloom to form. The southerly channel has clear water and is shaded by tall trees even though the leaves are not yet emerged. Water quality may be an issue considering the amount of sediment visible in the channel and wetland. The drainage from State Street is an important source of water for the hydrology of the wetland. It is my recommendation that the drainage be allowed to continue to flow into the wetland but that it would be advantageous to treat the stormwater and improve the water quality before the water enters the wetland. This would also be true for the northerly wetland which essentially drains quickly offsite at the north property line but the water quality is affecting wetlands and watercourses offsite. I am not concerned about re-structuring the drainage pipes or altering the point at which the water enters the wetland by piping the drainage further to the north, since the channel north of the pipe outlet is man-made. I am concerned that the water be treated prior to discharge into the wetland. To summarize, stormwater should continue to enter the wetland, be treated prior to entering the wetland. The drainage pipes would be extended, eliminating

the channels, without damaging the wetland. On 5/10/11 I re-inspected the two drainage features at the referenced site and my findings are as follows: DRAINAGE OUTLET FROM STATE STREET: The pipe drains into a rectangular-shaped manmade hole approximately 5 feet by 8 feet (visual estimate) and 2.5 to 3 feet in depth. At the lower end of the hole a swale continues northerly towards the main wetland area. I have viewed this area several times over the past few months. Each time, the hole was filled with stagnant water. Early in the season, the hole was completely full of water and drainage continued over the lip of the hole and along the drainage swale. Yesterday, the water level was about 12 inches below the top of the hole and the swale was completely dry. The sides of the hole are more-or-less vertical and could be considered "clearly defined banks" although obviously man-made and not created by water action. The swale has a gentle slope into the center of the swale. Evidence of water flow through swale is present, (also water has been observed flowing on previous occasions) and fine soil materials have been eroded, leaving larger stones prominently exposed all the surface. One skunk cabbage was noted in the area. DRAINAGE OUTLET FROM STRAITS TURNPIKE: The pipe drains into a deep channel, 3-4 feet deep, which appears to have been dug out of fill material which covers the land from Straits Turnpike to the edge of wetlands. Observations on numerous occasions show that water is present for longer than 24 hours after a rainfall event. Vegetation is entirely Japanese Knotweed on either side of the channel for approximately 30 feet (visual estimate) from the pipe outlet. At the lower end of the channel, where it drains into woods, alder is noted as a dominant shrub species. Based on these observations, it is my opinion that these drainage channels meet the criteria specified in the General Statutes Section 22a-38 for Intermittent Watercourses. I recommend that all the Japanese knot weed and all invasive species to be removed from the site and burned.

Mr. Rafey

Do you plan to remove the other invasive species? Are the two areas at the outlets of the pipes watercourses? Do they meet the State of Connecticut definition of a watercourse?

Ms. Rabinowitz

We are going to use the same method as when we spray the Japanese knot weed. The two areas at the outlets of the pipes are watercourses, because they meet the State of Connecticut definition of a watercourse? She submitted into the record a letter dated 05/02/11. She discussed a functioning value of the drainage discharge and how the state statues fall short in allowing this type of situation to not be regulated watercourse. Human activity does

change the landscape. This is manmade and meets the definition and is regulated watercourse.

Mr. Pustola

We plan on extending the pipe and improving the water quality. We need to contact the DOT because this is there pipe. We need the states approval before moving ahead on the project. He handed out to the Commission revised plans. He reviewed the revised plans with the Commission.

Mr. Rafey

I am concerns that the plans you are reviewing have not been submitted to us for review prior to tonight's meeting. The Commission needs to determine if this is a significant activity or not? I recommend holding a public hearing. The applicant wants to pipe a watercourse; they should have a third party reviewer. Any activity within the wetlands or watercourses can be significant.

MOTION: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy moved to declare Application #763 of the Brass City Hyundai, LLC for construction of an addition to an existing building and additional parking at 674 Straits Turnpike, Watertown, not a significant activity.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

Mr. Undercuffler

Do we hold a public hearing?

Mr. Berger

I have not done a drainage review at this time. I have made some preliminary comments based on a brief review of the plans.

Mr. Undercuffler

Normally a project like this the Commission has a third party reviewer. I recommend we have the Northwest Conservation District.

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 4-0.

Mr. Michael Genovese returned to the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

C. Application #764 of Neville Barrett for restoration of a disturbed upland review area at 0 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by June 18, 2011.

Mr. Barrett Neville Barrett was present and explained Application #764 of Neville Barrett for restoration of a disturbed upland review area at 0 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT. We are building a house, during the clearing for the driveway the contractor inadvertently went to far and encroached onto the upland review area. The property is very heavily wooded. Wetland boundary signs have been installed. No activity within 50' of the wetlands. No wetland disturbance at all. We installed sedimentation and erosion control measure to ensure there is no issues within the regulated area.

Mr. Undercuffler In order repair the damage you will need to plant 15 native trees in the area.

Mr. Rafey It needs grass to grow on the disturbed area. You need to keep the silt fence on the line so the contractor knows the limits. Do not allow them to go beyond the limits of disturbance. No mowing is permitted in this area. This area is to be left in its natural state.

MOTION: Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to approve the application from Neville Barrett for restoration of a disturbed upland review area at 0 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT with the following conditions.

- Standard Conditions
- 15 native trees to be planted.
- Grass to be planted.
- No mowing is permitted in this area.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

D. Application #766 of Michael Forcucci for installation of a fence within upland review area at 12 Pheasant Ridge Drive, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by June 18, 2011.

Mr. Forcucci Michael Forcucci of 12 Pheasant Ridge Drive, Watertown, CT was present and explained the application for installation of a fence within upland review area. We have a new son and dog he explained. We want to keep them in the fenced in area, for safety reasons. There is a drainage ditch that runs parallel to the northeast of our yard. We are posing the fence to be 18' from the drainage ditch. It will be a small, 3' to 3 ½' picket fence.

Mr. Undercuffler Is there a drainage easement in these area?

Mr. Forcucci Yes. I spoke with my neighbor and there only concern is to have access to area in they need to bring in machines to clean the drainage pipes. They recommend a gate or a non permanent fence that could just be pulled up if needed. Does the Commission have any concerns with this.

Mr. Rafey I spoke with the Public Works Director and all he has requested is that the area be accessible if the drainage needs to be maintained. Do not block any site lines. I am concerned that if people are driving from MT Fair and make a right turn on to Pheasant Ridge Drive, they should be able to see the upcoming traffic.

Mr. Forcucci The fence will be 30' away from the road.

Mr. Undercuffler How will this be constructed?

Mr. Forcucci It is very low impact. It will be done by hand. A machine should not be needed.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to approve the application from Michael Forcucci for installation of a fence within upland review area at 12 Pheasant Ridge Drive, Watertown, CT with the following conditions.

- Standard Conditions
- The area behind the fence shall be left in its natural conditions and undisturbed.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

6. New Applications

- A. Application #767 of Town of Watertown Parks Department for installation of a water fountain/ aerator in Echo Lake located on Ice House Road, Watertown, CT.**

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by July 16, 2011.

Mr. Berger

Town Engineer, Chuck Berger was present on behalf of the applicant and explained Application #767 of Town of Watertown Parks Department for installation of a water fountain/ aerator in Echo Lake located on Ice House Road, Watertown, CT. This will be used in the spring, summer and fall months. The impacts to the wetlands area are, there will be a 100' long by 18' wide trench. A 2" PVC conduit will be placed in the trench. This will be powered by electricity. This will be done in one day. The trench will be done by hand. We will seed and hay bail on the same day. The purpose of the irrigation is to prevent algae blooms. This should help improve the water quality. The Town of Watertown Park and Recreation Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting held on April 7, 2011 unanimously requested that the Parks Director purchase the largest water fountain aerator possible with the funds available and install it in Echo Lake. Prior to the actual installation of the water fountain aerator the installation of a permanent underground electrical power conduit terminating with an above ground electrical J-box must be installed from the northwest corner of the existing storage building to within twenty four inches of the water's edge of Echo Lake. A 2.5 inch PVC conduit pipe will be installed under the existing blacktop walkway and existing lawn area starting at the storage building. The main line electrical feed will be drawn from the existing electrical service box and the

proposed ground fault interrupt control panel box required for the operation of the water fountain aerator to be located inside the recreation storage building. The 2.5 inch PVC electrical conduit will be installed into a 100 foot long, 4 inch wide, by 18 inch deep trench starting at the northwest corner of the storage building and terminating twenty four inches back from the edge of the water with the use of a Ditch Witch 4 wheel drive trencher. The Ditch Witch trencher mechanically removes soil and rock and leaves it neatly piled adjacent to the trench for immediate backfilling after the conduit has been installed. Approximately 30 feet of silt fence shall be installed between the proposed end of the trench and Echo Lake to collect any potential runoff in the event of an unexpected rain. The actual trenching will be scheduled to coincide with fair weather so runoff should not be a potential threat to the lake. The trench will be immediately backfilled after the 2.5 inch conduit is installed, raked to grade, seeded to a ryegrass, bluegrass, fescue seed mixture, mulched with a thin layer of hay to reduce surface soil seed erosion, and aid in the rapid germination of seed. The entire trenching process, conduit installation, and finish grade backfilling should not exceed one 8 hour work day depending on the size of the rock encountered. Once the conduit is installed and the wire installation is complete the 10 hp 240 single phase water fountain aerator will be wheeled down to the edge of Echo Lake and floated to as close to the center of the lake as possible. Once the aerator is visibly centered in the lake three concrete block anchors that attached stainless steel vinyl coated cable will be placed into the water equidistant from the aerator. The surface ends of the stainless steel vinyl coated cable will be attached to the aerator body to hold the aerator in place during operation. The waterproof power cord from the water fountain aerator will extend underwater from the proposed permanent electrical hook up box as previously described to the aerator. Where the water fountain aerator power cord comes ashore a hand dug slit approximately three to four inches deep by twenty four inches long will be made to direct bury the power wire to the permanent on shore connection box. The water fountain aerator will need to be removed in the fall and replaced in the spring as the unit is not designed to remain in the lake through the winter.

Mr. Undercuffler

When you remove this for the season how is this done?

Mr. Berger

I do not know the mechanics. I will look into it for you.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

B. Application #769 of James and Valerie Hernovich for construction of a shed within wetlands at 171 Hollow Road, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by July 16, 2011.

Mr. Hernovich	James Hernovich was present and explained his application for construction of a 10'x12' shed within wetlands at 171 Hollow Road, Watertown, CT.
Mr. Undercuffler	Why is being proposed in the wetlands?
Mr. Hernovich	This is mowed grass area and a shed fits there. It just does not fit anywhere else in the yard.
Mr. Undercuffler	The Wetlands Commission normally does not allow things in wetlands.
Mr. Hernovich	What is the definition of wetlands? All there is growing in this area is skunk cabbage.
Mr. Undercuffler	It is defined by State Statue the soil types.
Mr. Rafey	If you disagree you may hire a soil scientist to investigate and bring to the Commission their findings. When I inspected the site it appeared to me by the soil types and plantings are wetlands. I recommend the Commission have a site walk. During my inspections I made several recommendations where the shed could possibly be located and Mr. Hernovich did not like any of the alternatives I proposed.

Mr. Hernovich I am not sure if it is wetlands or not. I never considered it wetlands.

Mr. Undercuffler I think we need to see the site.

Mr. Murphy I agree.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 5-0.

Mr. Joseph Polletta arrived at 8:15 p.m.

C. Application #771 of Town of Watertown, Public Works Department for modifications to permits # 728 and 692 regarding the Echo Lake Walking Trail.

Mr. Berger Town Engineer Chuck Berger was present on behalf of the applicant and explained Application #771 of Town of Watertown, Public Works Department for modifications to permits # 728 and # 692 regarding the Echo Lake Walking Trail. This application is a request from the Park and recreation Commission to modify the prior approvals. Permit #728 approval is for construction of the trail. Mr. Polletta has constructed the walking trail. Permit #692 approval is for the installation of the grass side walk immediately adjacent to Ice House Road. This works has been completed and accepted by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to relocate the trail, they have concerns because the trail is right next to Ice House Road and residences are walking in the road. This is a safety issue. At approximate Station 25+70 which is the existing edge of the parking area, the proposed path will be constructed to the west of the existing and be located in the level area between Ice House Road and Echo Lake. Brush and small trees will be removed and minor grading will take place as the path drops away from the

parking area. At approximate Station 27+30 the path will cross the concrete sediment control structures then continue along the level area to approximate Station 29+ 15 where the path will ramp up to match the existing path adjacent to Ice House Road. Brush and small trees will be removed and minor grading will take place to match the existing trail at Station 29+15. Between Station 29+ 15 and Station 31 +50 there will be no additional path improvements and the existing path immediately adjacent to Ice House will be utilized. At approximate station 31 +50 an earth ramp will be constructed to drop the path down to the existing level area adjacent to the lake. The existing 24 inch drainage pipe will be extended 18 feet and a rip rap plunge pool constructed. Approximately 1,050 square feet of impact will result from creating the ramp. Brush and small trees will be removed from the level to create the 5 foot wide walking path. At approximately station 33+00 a wooden foot bridge will be constructed to cross the drainage pipe outfall channel. Brush and small trees will be removed from the level to create the 5 foot wide walking path. At approximate Station 37+00 a wooden foot bridge will be constructed to cross the drainage outfall. Brush and small trees will be removed from the level to create the 5 foot wide walking path. At approximate Station 37+50 the path will join the lawn area adjacent to the gazebo area of the park.

Ms. Sturgis When do you plan on doing this.

Mr. Berger This spring.

Mr. Rafey Who is going to be doing this?

Mr. Berger The Department of Public Works and inmates.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to approve the application from Town of Watertown, Public Works Department for modifications to permits # 728 and 692 regarding the Echo Lake Walking Trail with all of the original conditions of approval.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Mr. Joseph Polletta.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

D. Application #772 of Town of Watertown, Public Works Department for the Steele Brook Greenway.

Mr. Berger Town Engineer Chuck Berger was present on behalf of the applicant and explained application #772 of Town of Watertown, Public Works Department for the Steele Brook Greenway. This is for phase I of the Steele Brook Greenway. There are three segments to this project. This is for the middle segment of the project between the bridge and Heminway Pond. This is behind the Siemon Company property from French Street up to Seimon Company Drive. The proposed project is the construction of intent for Whitestone for Greenway walkway trail along Steele Brook this is phase 1 of the Still Brooke Greenway and will extend from French Street approximately 1200 feet to the Seimon Company Drive. The project will remove selected trees, brush and invasive species. Invasive species Earth fill will be removed in and a granular base and a stone dust waling surface install. Minor grading will be performed. However there will be no net increase in fill for the project. The wetland area between the Greenway in bituminous parking area will be restored. This will be a 10' wide path. He distributed plans to each Commission member. He reviewed the plans with the Commission. He reviewed the wetland impacts with the Commission. 618.7' of wetlands impacts. There will be no increase in fill. This is a flood plain area. We have all the necessary approvals for the activity proposed in this area. The wetland impacts will be a 20' includes 5' on each side of the 10' stone dust trail. There is a total 2069 sq. ft. of wetland impacts. There is foot bridges and/ or pipes proposed to deal with the train. We may also plan to fix drainage issues. Our plans are to restore and enhance the wetlands.

Mr. Genovese What type of wetlands is this? Is this vital wetlands?

Mr. Berger This is not pristine wetlands. This wetlands is adjacent to a bituminous parking area. There is a sewer line easement through this area also.

Mr. Rafey The entire site is covered by invasive species. This is a very nice shady area.

Mr. Berger We will be doing significant replanting after we remove the trees and invasive species.

MOTION: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy moved to have a site walk on June 4, 2011.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Mr. Joseph Polletta.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

E. Application # 773 from Stephen Philippi for cleaning a, disturbed wetlands at 349 Artillery Road.

Mr. Philippi

Stephen Philippi was present and explained application #773 for cleaning a, disturbed wetlands at 349 Artillery Road to the Commission. I sincerely apologize for working in the wetlands without approvals. I did this because of safety issues with my driveway on the right side. I was afraid someone was going to end up in the stream. I wanted to extend that by 20'. The otherside has been extended about 60' because I want to be able to get to the lake. There is trees that have been uprooted making the area dangerous. I welcome the Commission to come to my house and have a site walk. I purchased the property because it is lake front property.

Mr. Rafey

I recommend going and seeing this because it is a very large wetland area. This is up stream of Lake Winnemaug which is a main water body in town.

Ms. Sturgis I agree we should see the site.

Mr. Undercuffler I would like you to provide the Commission a plan of what you did and how you did and what else you propose.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to have a site walk June 4, 2011.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

7. Old Business

A. Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 633 Park Road, Watertown, CT.

Mr. Rafey Chairman please table, this agenda item.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to moved to table the Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 633 Park Road, Watertown, CT to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

8. New Business

A. Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 349 Artillery Road, Watertown, CT

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 349 Artillery Road, Watertown, CT to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2011.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

B. Town of Watertown Public Works request permission for minor activities and to remove invasive species and debris within the wetlands and watercourse by hand for the Five-Town Naugatuck Greenway Cleanup.

Mr. Berger

Five-Town Naugatuck River Greenway-Cleanup, Thomaston, Watertown, Waterbury, Naugatuck, Beacon Falls on Saturday, 14th, 8:30am to 11:30am. Where to Go: Watertown: Recreation Dept. (51 Depot Street), Wear old clothes, Bring work gloves & water, We're getting ready for our Greenway and we're working together to clean the banks of the Naugy. It's a new day for our river! Be part of the future. We need your help, your hands and your heart! It's a partnership between five towns! *Participation at your own risk *Participate under 16 must be accompanied by adult. *Bring your own bags & gloves. Interested in participating? Watertown's Volunteer Coordinator contact, Vicki Barnes at ctvic@optonline.net Watertown Recreation Department at 860-945-5246.

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MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to allow the Town of Watertown Public Works Department request permission for minor activities and to remove invasive species and debris with in the wetlands and watercourse by hand for the 5-Town Naugatuck Greenway cleanup.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

9. Communications and Bills

None

10. Reports from Officers and Committees

None

11. Reports from Staff

A. Agent Determination

- 1. Application #768 of Dan Houghton for construction of an addition to an existing single-family dwelling within upland review area at 184 Platt Road, Watertown, CT.**

Mr. Rafey

He reported to the Commission that he had issued a permit for Application #768 of Dan Houghton for construction of a 27'x17' addition to an existing single-family dwelling within upland review area at 184 Platt Road, Watertown, CT. He reviewed the plans with the Commission. This is a very minor activity. The addition is 90' or more from the wetlands. There was an addition to the house that was approved by the Commission that was closer to the wetlands than what is being proposed recently.

2. Application #770 of David Burkhart for installation of 14'x18' pavilion within an upland review area at 268 Mount Fair Drive.

Mr. Rafey

He reported to the Commission that he had issued a permit for Application #770 of David Burkhart for installation of 14'x18' pavilion within an upland review area at 268 Mount Fair Drive. This applicant was in front of the Commission last year for filling around a swimming pool. This gazebo will be installed in the same area that the Commission has already approved for grading. This will be 55' from the wetlands on the neighbors property.

12. Public Participation

None

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Ms. Martha Sturgis moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

SECOND: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

Attest:

Tom Murphy, Secretary
Conservation Commission

Inland/Wetland Agency