

# WINDHAM INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting/Minutes for Thursday, May 13, 2010**

## I. **Call to Order**

Acting Chair Nancy Tinker called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Nancy Tinker, Joseph Marsalisi, Helmut Traichel and Joseph Wagner. Also present were Agent James Finger, Town Engineer Joe Gardner, and Recorder Kathleen Wright.

## II. **New Business** – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

### 1. **Magnet School 141 & 145 Tuckie Rd., Windham Center**

**Application for wetlands permit for construction of water and sewer lines to proposed school site, along with storm-water management.**

Acting-Chair Tinker said we first looked at the application for the wetlands permit at the last meeting. This is the first meeting we could take action.

Agent Finger said we had a Special Meeting on April 29, 2010 where we took receipt of the application. I published a notice of pendency of this application detailing what the board did to consider the proposal and whether or not a public hearing was required as this body is only permitted to conduct a public hearing if there is a finding that there is significant impact to a wetland or a watercourse. Finding none, the board has administrative authority to approve after 14 days. We had the notice in to announce that the board would be taking up this matter tonight and would consider action to approve unless there was a petition from residents asking for a public hearing, as required by statute. None has been submitted to my office.

Will Walter, professional engineer, BSC Group, described 2 changes to update the plan. He said that on the easement we had silt fence on either side of the easement, but I did not show hay bales every hundred feet or so across the easement. The current plans show the hay bales. Also, Martin Brogie, the soil scientist, recommended conditions, which we have incorporated in the plan on page 14. Agent Finger told the board if you take action I would urge that you take action on the May 6, 2010 dated plan.

Acting-Chair Tinker asked if there were questions.

Mr. Traichel made a motion to approve a wetlands permit for the Magnet School's plans as modified dated May 6, 2010. Acting-Chair Tinker asked about the list of conditions that the Soil Scientist had recommended, and read Mr. Brogie's conditions aloud. Mr. Traichel agreed to add the conditions to his motion.

Mr. Marsalisi seconded the motion to accept the application with conditions. Acting Chair Tinker asked if there was further discussion and there was none.

The vote to approve the motion to grant the permit with conditions was unanimous.

### 2. **Hain Materials Corp. 298 Windham Center Rd. Application for wetlands permits for continuation of an existing earth excavation within upland the review area.**

Joe Boucher of Town Engineering displayed plans and said this is a continuation of an

existing sand and gravel excavation operated since 1990 on the south side of Rte. 203. The site borders the Shetucket River. We are in a renewal for Planning and Zoning under Section 75.2.2. There is a pond on the site that has been excavated. The site is fully self-contained. All water from within the excavation flows to one of the two sedimentation basins.

On the display the regulated areas 200' from Shetucket River, 200' from a bog area, and 100' from the pond were outlined. He said that the bulk of the site is out of your jurisdiction. We will return to this commission with a proposal to increase the pond in the future, but not in the time frame of the permit we are applying for. We ask that you let Agent Finger issue a permit under Section 12.1 for this activity.

Agent Finger explained that the applicant has requested that the board delegate authority to him the wetland agent when activity is not in a wetland or the watercourse. Acting Chair Tinker asked if there were questions.

Mr. Traichel asked about elevations and the size of the buffer to the river. Mr. Boucher described the elevations and said the area is all gravel and there is a 50' buffer to the river. Work will be inside the buffer.

Mr. Marsalisi made a motion to authorize Agent Finger to approve the plan. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **II. Routine Business– DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 1. Approval of Minutes** - Agent Finger said he had revised the minutes to reflect the fact that the board had found no significant impact to wetlands or watercourses on the site. Mr. Marsalisi made a motion to approve the revised minutes from the Meeting on April 29, 2010. Mr. Traichel seconded the motion. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous, in favor.
- 2. Miscellaneous** - Agent Finger handed out a Windham County Extension Service calendar. He had emailed to the board information on various workshops.
- 3. Correspondence** - None

## **V. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Traichel. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous, in favor. Acting Chair Tinker adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Wright, Recording Clerk  
May 20, 2010

Nancy Tinker, Acting Chair