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CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLANDS  
AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Miller, Chairman, called the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members and alternates were present: Margery Winters, Don Rieger, Darren Cunningham, and Ryan Mihalic (arrived shortly after start of meeting). Also present were Howard Beach, Conservation Officer, and other interested parties.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Rieger to serve for Commissioner Sexton.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 15, 2011 and May 17, 2011

The draft minutes from the March 15, 2011 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Winters made a motion to approve as presented the Minutes of May 17, 2011. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION(s), DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE

a. Application of Frederic Jardinico, Regional Environmental Manager, Dyno Nobel, Inc., Owner, for an Inland Wetlands Permit for work associated with the excavation of impacted soils within the 100-foot upland review area to a wetland on property located at the Powder Forest DNI Simsbury Facility, west of 660 Hopmeadow Street. (Maps F-12 & F-13, Block 108, Lot

5C) (continued from meeting of May 17, 2011)

Ashley Hilt, AECOM, spoke on behalf of this application. Attending this meeting with Ms. Hilt was Lindi Higgins, Project Manager, from AECOM, Lawrence Hogan, Program Manager, from AECOM, and Fred Jardinico, Regional Environmental Manager, from Dyno Nobel.

Mr. Hogan said that they are looking at locations AOC 22 & 97 (showed on a map). He said that there is a series of small storage bunkers at this location. Environmental investigations had been done around them to test for components that could possibly be released into the environment from the storage that takes place there. He said that they found areas where the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulation criteria were exceeded. The compound of concern was PETN. Mr. Hogan said that for this particular compound, the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulation does not have any criteria. They had to submit to DEP for site specific criteria. He said that they did get standard established for the compounds. Mr. Hogan said that they have some limited areas where it surpasses the pollutant mobility criteria, which is a soil criteria that is protective of the underlying ground water. Also, even though this property is for an industrial/commercial use, they are looking at residential direct exposure criteria. They will also be doing leeching procedure testing (he showed on the map the location for this test). If this does not leech, then it demonstrates compliance with mobility criteria.

Chairman Miller asked at what levels they found the concentrations. Mr. Hogan said that the levels are fairly low levels, below industrial/commercial, but above residential. The mobility in this area is classified as GA ground water, so the mobility numbers are quite low. The depths would be shallow.

Commissioner Winters said that the last time they were before this Commission readings of 3-feet were mentioned. Ms. Hilt said that location is at the very end of the circle and it extends down to about 4 to 5 feet. Commissioner Winters asked which contaminants were at this location. Ms. Hilt said PETN. Mr. Hogan said that these compounds generally have a low solubility.

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Commissioner Winters asked if any remediation is being done in the upland review area. She mentioned buildings 252 and 253 shown on the map. Mr.

Hogan responded not at this time. Ms. Hilt said that they are just concentrating on doing eight remediations this year. A Commissioner asked where the trees are located that might be removed. This was pointed out on a map showing a white pine and white oak in the vicinity of AOC 22a & b. There also was a white pine sapling area that was pointed out where some of them may have to be removed. The trees are located on the edge of the road way or just next to or just in the AOC's.

Chairman Miller questioned the wetlands protections of the areas during the remediation process asking if this would be just hay bales and silt fencing. Ms. Hilt said that is correct and would be right along the edge of the paved road as the excavations fall just between the edge of the paved road and the chained link fence.

Commissioner Winters asked after the contaminated soil is removed, how the site would be stabilized. Ms. Higgins said that this will be backfilled to grade. This will be done in kind. If the area had been paved, they will repave it and if the area was grass, they will reseed it.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion that this is a regulated activity because it involves the removal of soil from the upland review area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winters and passed with a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Mihalic abstained from voting.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion that this is not a significant activity because of the plan as it has been presented at this hearing, and the steps to be taken, such as the silt fence. Also, the fact that the grade is level and the grade will be returned to the same level. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winters and passed with a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Mihalic abstained from voting.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the plan as presented today and, as discussed, all contaminated soils will be removed from the site. There may be minimal stockpiling that will be placed on plastic and covered with tarps (in the event of rain). Also, hay bales and silt fences will be placed to protect the wetlands. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winters and passed with a 4-0-1 vote. Commissioner Mihalic abstained from voting.

#### V. RECEIPT OF NEW APPLICATION(S)

Mr. Beach briefly discussed applications that have recently been received and will be placed on the next agenda.

- 16 Highwood – garage addition
- Weatogue Fire House – concrete pad behind the firehouse

VI. STAFF REPORTS

None

VII. DISCUSSION

Commissioner Winters said that the Route 10 Corridor Study Committee will be coming before this Commission at some point to do a presentation on the Route 10 Corridor.

Commissioner Rieger said that there was a meeting last evening for an initial presentation by the consultants who are working on the extension of the greenway to Tariffville. Several alternatives were discussed, all of which are right along the river. Commissioner Rieger said that he spoke to Richard Sawitzke to affirm the agreement that it would be jurisdictional for this Commission if anything is done. Mr. Sawitzke does agree with this, but does not know what the final proposal will be. Chairman Miller asked where this ties into Tariffville. Commissioner Rieger said that it goes over the Tariffville bridge, goes to Curtiss Park, and then there are several alternatives. The extension would end at Governor's Bridge.

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VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Winters moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mihalic and passed unanimously.

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Ryan M. Mihalic, Secretary

