Brooklyn Inland Wetlands
Commission
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Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018

Call to Order.
The 1/9/18 meeting of the Brooklyn IWWC was called to order at 6:00PM by Jeff Arends, Chairman.

Roll call
Members Present: Jeff Arends, Chair; Demian Sorrentino, Vice-Chair; George Sipila, Rich Oliverson and Jim Paquin.

Staff Present: Martha Fraenkel, IWWC Officer and Acting Recording Clerk

Seating of Alternates. None.

Election of Officers

Chair: Sorrentino nominated Jeff Arends for Chair. Oliverson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
Vice Chair: Oliverson nominated Demian Sorrentino. Arends seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Addition to Agenda:
1. New Application: #010918B Town of Brooklyn: Installation of storm drainage system on Ennis Rd. between Allen Hill Rd and Long Brook. Sorrentino moved to add the application to the agenda under new application receipt. Sipila seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes of 12/12/18
The minutes were accepted as presented.

Public Comment

1. AJ Kerouac, member of the Brooklyn Planning and Zoning Commission, was present to discuss efforts to update the Town zone map. Of special interest for the IWWC may be the designation or redesignation of the old mill industry zone and impact activities there may have on nearby wetlands and watercourses. Sorrentino agreed to serve as liaison to Kerouac's pzc subcommittee.

New Application Receipt.
1. 010918A Balone Properties/M. Malone, 242 Hartford Road, application for a contractor yard in the upland review area.

Fraenkel explained the application for Malone, who was not present or represented. Paquin questioned the need for a professional site plan. Oliverson moved and Paquin seconded to table with no further consideration until applicant is present or represented, with a caveat that he is so informed. Unanimously approved.

2. Application #010918B Town of Brooklyn, Ennis Road: Installation of storm drainage system between Allen Hill Rd and Long Brook.

David Held, professional engineer and licensed surveyor, presented the application. He was retained by the Town to design a fix for a longstanding drainage problem on Ennis Rd.

Held explained that the Town had installed 2 catchbasins on Ennis Rd. about 200 ft from Allen Hill Rd in response to complaints from landowner to south of road but ultimately found nowhere to discharge the stormwater from the catchbasins. Therefore, the proposed design pipes stormwater along Ennis west to Long Brook, adding 9.5 acres of watershed. The crossculvert under Ennis at Long Brook will be upgraded, with riprap, and fill placed with associated grading. Catchbasins will be installed at 300 ft intervals along Ennis Rd.

Wetlands delineation is approximated based on existing information, as owner to east denied access needed for precise delineation. There will be about 100 sf of temporary disturbance upstream of culvert and 150 sf of permanent disturbance downstream to extend the pipe (downstream) to north. The rest of the installation is not in/near wetlands. Rip rap will be placed and bituminous curb installed to direct stormwater and minimize bank erosion.

In response to member concerns about suspended solids, Held said catchbasins could be provided with 4 foot sumps and hooded, and the manhole could be modified to a catchbasin with sump and manhole top.

Members asked about removal of the previously installed catchbasins. Held said that it has been considered but found infeasible.

Sorrentino moved to receive the application and table to the next meeting. Sipila seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Hearings: none.

Old Business.

1. Proposed modification of permit IWWC 121217A Pearce Memorial Baptist Home, 36 Vina Lane, Map 24 Lot 148 for a backup generator serving Creamery Brook complex.

Bruce Woodis, KWP Associates, presented the request for a modification to the previously approved permit for a backup generator (approved as duly authorized). Eversource informed the applicant that the voltage requirements necessitate installation of two different generators. The originally approved generator will now be smaller and a second small generator is proposed. The concrete pad has been expanded to fit both generators. The units will have the same or very similar design to the unit proposed

previously. Each unit will have its own tank for diesel storage. The potential impact to wetlands to the west will remain unchanged. Refueling will be as before, and total fuel capacity is more or less unchanged. Cups for spillage of 5 gallons are built into the unit.

Paquin moved to approve the modification as presented and Sipila seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Review of Brooklyn IWWC Bylaws. Fraenkel suggested review of Article IV regarding number of IWWC members, and Article X, Order of Business.

Article IV. Fraenkel explained that the IWWC bylaws were written following language in the Town Ordinance that created the IWWC. To change the number of IWWC members, both bylaws and the Ordinance would have to be changed. Sorrentino commented that meetings wetlands are cancelled often in area Towns due to lack of quorum and difficulty finding new members. Fraenkel said that it is very cumbersome for applicants when meetings are cancelled. Members discussed how to attract new members. Arends will email Ives regarding possible reduction of membership from 7 to 5 (with 3 alternates).

Art X Order of Business. Fraenkel commented on the existing Order of Business and proposed changes to allow the agenda to proceed more efficiently.

Members reviewed and proposed the following modification of Article X:

a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Seating of Alternates
d. Public Hearings
e. Public Commentary
f. Additions to Agenda
g. Approval of Minutes
h. Old Business
i. New Business
j. Communications
k. Public Commentary
l. Adjourn

Paquin moved to revise IWWC Bylaws Article X Order of Business as above, with a notation on agendas regarding public commentary rules. Oliverson seconded. Unanimously approved. It was noted that there could be future additional Bylaw modification regarding membership.

2. Budget for next fiscal year 2018-2019.

Members reviewed disbursements to date for 2017-18 and the budget for fy 2017-18. The only changes proposed were to add line item for Dues to cover the CT Association of Wetlands and Conservation Commissions @ $60 and reduce Legal Fees by $60 to $2440 (from $2500) for a zero increase budget for 2018-19.

Communications

1. Monthly budget update.
2. Eversource, Notice dated 12/19/17, scheduled maintenance activities in right-of-way. Eversource document provides notice of treatment to suppress vegetation in the powerline row using herbicides and manual clearing.
3. CT Water Co. notice dated 12/12/17 re: request to DEEP to register under the General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use to increase efficiency and ensure adequate supply in its 3 area systems.
4. Walmart, 450 Providence Rd., Annual Stormwater Maintenance Report of 2017.
5. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report. Distributed wetlands buffer study to members for future discussion. Arends commented that there may be an endangered species at the solar farm project site (spade foot toad?) – Fraenkel will investigate.

Adjourn

Oliverson moved to adjourn and Sorrentino seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fraenkel

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Acting Recording Clerk