

**MEETING MINUTES OF INLAND WETLAND AGENCY**  
**FEBRAURY 18, 2020**

The West Haven Inland Wetlands Agency held a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, in the Harriet North Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Kane, Beecher, Perrone, Gilbane and ZEO Conniff. Absent was Commissioner Carr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Beecher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 21, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Gilbane and passed.

**CONTINUED:**

**22 Woodridge Road:** An application to install an above ground pool and fencing. The activity is located in the wetland regulated area. Owner/Applicant: Sonia Torres; File # 001-19 IW.

Commissioner Kane explained to the applicant that this pool will be in a wetland area and when the pool is drained it needs to be hosed out of the wetland area to the storm drain. ZEO Conniff stated the mailings were submitted to record. No comments from the Fire Department and the Building Official is requesting a revised map showing the precise location of the pool and construction details.

Three calls were made to speak in favor and three calls to speak in opposition to this application.

Commissioner Beecher made a motion to approve File #001-19IW with the condition that the pool be drained to the city drainage system and during construction wetland area is to be protected, seconded by Commissioner Gilbane and passed.

**New:**

**113 Phipps Drive:** The applicant seeks approval from the commission to build an addition and deck to his existing home. The project is within the inland wetland regulated area. To protect any runoff into the lake silt fence will be installed around the project site, located in a R2 (Single family Detached Residence) district under section 6 of the Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency Regulations of the City of West Haven. Applicant/Owner: Gary Treppeda; File # 02-20- IW.

Ralph Saldano, resides at 113 Phipps Drive, the topography of the land is not going to change. Everything is going to be on piers. ZEO Conniff stated mailings were submitted to the record. No comments from the Fire Marshall. Building Official requests adequate construction documents of the proposed piers.

Commissioner Beecher made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Gilbane and passed.

Commissioner made a motion to approved File #02-20 IW with the condition that silt fencing requirements are followed, seconded by Commissioner and passed.

**456 Derby Avenue:** An application to continue a preexisting used car dealership in a NB (neighborhood Business) district. The location of this property is within 200 feet of a water- course. Work will be done to the existing fence to improve its condition. There will be no washing cars, oil or transmission fluid preformed on the premises, under section 6 of the Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency Regulations of the City of West Haven. Owner: Pasquale Civitella/Applicants: Issam Mousa & Samer Abdel Salum: File # 3-20 IW.

Applicants stated they are going to improve this property. The property has been abandoned for a long time. The inside of the building will be renovated. The existing fence will be repaired and new fencing will be added. The outside of the building will be painted and some landscaping pots will be installed. Lighting and a camera system will also be installed. The existing pavement will be sealed and lined. The City Engineer requested a 6” berm around the fence line to prevent runoff. Everything outside will be cleaned daily.

Three calls were made to speak in favor and three calls were made to speak in opposition to this application.

Tom Catore, 27 Winfred St., stated the property was filled in twice by the previous owner. In 1999 and 2001 more fill was brought in by the current owner. The grade on both sides of the property changes up to 7 ft. in height and he is getting runoff, which is causing erosion and then drains into the street. This property was originally a residential district and it became commercial. ZEO Conniff read into the record comments from the City Engineer. He is also concerned about future car washing being done with out the approval.

Kermit Gentile, 50 Winfred St., asks for lighting that does not spill onto his property and is concerned about the number of cars that can fit on the property.

Leslie French, 415 Derby Ave., is opposed to this application. Last car dealership had too many cars on the lot and there was no room for customers to park. She is also concerned about the pollution of the brook. Prior complaints went unanswered.

Mr. Civtella stated he purchased the property in 1999. Behind the fence there is approximately 3-4 ft. of walking area before it slopes down.

Commissioners discussed the engineer’s request of the 6” berm and whether it should be expanded to the other side of the stream.

Applicant stated he needs to change oil for the cars that he purchases and resells. But they will not be opened to the public. All work to be done on the inside.

Commissioner Perrone made a motion to approve File #03-20 IW with the following condition that the engineer’s requirements are followed as indicated and satisfied, name of waste oil company to be submitted to inland officer, the berm required by the city engineer be placed around the property preventing water runoff to the neighbor’s property and no outside maintenance done, seconded by Commissioner Gilbane and passed.

**Staff Reports:**

Next month’s meeting will have a speaker from DEEP

Commissioner Beecher nominated Commissioner Gilbane for the vacant position of Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Perrone and passed.

**AJOURNMENT: 7:45 P.M.**

Commissioner Perrone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beecher and passed.