



APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Canton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Library/Community Center, Room F

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of February 11, 2016 was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT – David Shepard, David Sinish, Al Bombassei, Robert Bahre and Richard Vandebogart

ABSENT – None

ALSO PRESENT – Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski and Recording Secretary Loren Kiefer

PUBLIC COMMENT NOT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM – None

OLD BUSINESS

R. Bahre recused himself for the following discussion.

1. **Discussion of Shallot Meadow Subdivision and 188 Bahre Corner Road** – Ms. Anyzeski visited the site and stated there have been improvements made in regards to erosion control. A second complaint has since been made, whereas this discussion has been amended to include 188 Bahre Corner Road. Representing Family Home Builders, LLC, was Attorney Robert Reeve who spoke on behalf of Mr. Jouvin, and informed the agency that there is an unrestricted right to drain. Attorney Reeve further stated that Town of Canton Project Administrator George Wallace visited the area after the initial complaint and during a recent substantial rain event. Mr. Wallace concluded that there is no obstruction and that the storm water system is functioning properly. Mr. David Whitney, the Site Engineer, discussed the current storm drain and the design of Shallot Meadow. Mr. Whitney described the source of water drainage as being from area acreage. There is a 32-inch drainage twin-pipe, which is used to pick up 65 acres of drainage. There is also a detention basin that is located on the eastern side, along with three watersheds. The development's southwestern area has a sediment forebay to allow sediment to settle and prevent overflow. Mr. Whitney expressed that the storm water system is functioning properly. The old farm road does not have a culvert, and perhaps should, which would have prevented the water overflow. The basin had been built as according to plan.

MOTION: Mr. Shepard made a motion that there is no action needed at this time, since all evidence has been presented and determined that the drainage system is functioning as it should. Mr. Sinish seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Shepard made a motion to move the second complaint to Item Number 1 under NEW BUSINESS; 188 Bahre Corner Road. Mr. Sinish seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

R. Bahre recused himself for the following discussion.

1. **Shallot Meadow Subdivision and 188 Bahre Corner Road** – The discussion focused on the overflow of water drainage onto abutting property. Attorney David Markowitz was present to discuss the second complaint placed by Mr. Olson and addressed the unrestricted right to drain. The Shallot Meadow Subdivision has an easement on it extended from the property located at 188 Bahre Corner

Road. Due to a change in ownership of the subdivision, there was no completion of an original motion with the IWWA, but it may have been handled by a separate town commission. The amount of drainage has changed since pre-development and there is a wetland that receives the majority of the overflow, but it cannot sustain the post-development flow of water. Attorney Markowitz stated that a resolution would be likely if a culvert were to be installed under the old farm road.

MOTION: Mr. Shepard moved to continue the discussion with the following conditions:

- a. Committee site walk scheduled for 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the 2nd culvert, Shallot Meadow

Mr. Bombassei seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

D. Shepard requested a committee break at 9:08 p.m., which reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

2. **Pre-Application Review; 50 Old River Road; Assessor's Map 34; Parcel 4060050; Zone MCPF; discussion of redevelopment concepts for the Town Garage; Town of Canton, applicant/owner** – Bob Martin, DPW, made a presentation of the proposed multi-uses of this site, dating from the 2012 proposed use of the site, the current use of the site, and the proposed future use of the site. A proposed use of the site could increase the river access, enhance the picnic area, enhance the ball field, and propose a new access road. George Wallace, DPW, spoke on behalf of the regulations involved including the current DPW facility structure needing a full renovation including adding a new boiler, roofing and other possible improvements. The DEEP was consulted and suggested that if a salt shed were added as a 25-square foot building, the flood level should be elevated up to 299 feet. The river walk pathway could be altered. The old horse barn would remain in place, and used to add proposed bathrooms and storage. The site drainage would be controlled by creating a divide to avoid drainage into the river. There will be an oil/water separator system in place with a grease trap and water pollution control. If needed, the parking lot could be arranged to drain into the ball field. The roadway surface will be primarily gravel.
3. **File 02-16-1134; 10 East Hill Road; Assessor's Map 30; Parcel 2430010; Zone MCPF; request to perform periodic maintenance to beaver dams to prevent flooding; Town of Canton, applicant/owner** – Director of Public Works Robert Martin spoke about the beaver dams creating various levels of rising water. Continued periodic maintenance or removal of a dam is an option when a culvert is blocked and a situation arises that hinders a property or creates a water overflow onto a road. Some areas of concern include Atwater Street, 21 Dowd, Mills Pond, and High Valley, which may need removal of the dams in the near future. Mr. Martin requests the flexibility to act on a necessary dam removal, along with a report of proposed activity to the IWWA, in order to drain the area to a safe, non-damaging water level. Mr. Martin requests a possible chainsaw, if needed on rare occasion.

MOTION: Mr. Shepard moved to approve File 02-16-1134; 10 East Hill Road; Assessor's Map 30; Parcel 2430010; Zone MCPF; request to perform periodic maintenance to beaver dams to prevent flooding; Town of Canton, applicant/owner, with the following conditions:

- a. Town of Canton can use manpower only, including picks and chainsaws but no heavy equipment, anywhere in town where the beaver dams are a threat to town property or private infrastructure
- b. Lower water levels to a safe, non-damaging level
- c. DPW will notify the authorized agent or IWWA chair, within 48 hours before the work is done
- d. Approval is for five years

Mr. Bahre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting** – Tabled

2. **Appointment of Ms. Emily Anyzeski as the Town of Canton IWWA Authorized Agent**

MOTION: Mr. Shepard moved to approve the appointment of Ms. Emily Anyzeski as the Town of Canton IWWA Authorized Agent. Mr. Sinish seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 5-0-0.

3. **Applications Received After Agenda Posted – None**

4. **Authorized Agent –**

- a. **Discussion of 594 Albany Turnpike** – This property has numerous constrictions and the proposed home is located on the edge of the Upland Review Area. The proposed deck will be situated within the Upland Review Area; roughly 86 feet from the Farmington River and several residential trees will be removed. The intent is to clean up the property where there is dead vegetation and not a deliberate attempt to create a view of the river. There is no activity within the wetlands area and erosion controls are being put into place. The property owners are working with an engineer and an application is in the works.

5. **Any other recent enforcement issues – None**

6. **Staff Report – None**

ADJOURNMENT – **MOTION:** D. Shepard moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 p.m. Mr. Bahre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loren Kiefer, Recording Secretary