

ORANGE INLAND WETLAND and WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2022 MEETING

Unapproved Minutes

The Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Town Hall, lower level, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT, at 7:00 p.m.

Ron Ruotolo, Chairman
Lesley Giovanelli, Vice-Chairman
James Ewen
William Perfetto, Jr.
John Hudson

Jack Demirjian, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Tamara Trantales, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Ruotolo welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Correspondence – Review of the June 14, 2022 minutes.

A motion was made by James Ewen and seconded by Bill Perfetto to accept and approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2022 meeting, as written. The motion carried with the vote recorded as follows: Ewen, aye; Perfetto, aye; Giovanelli, abstain; Ruotolo, aye. The vote was recorded as 3-0-1 to accept and approve the motion.

There were no additional comments.

Chairman Ruotolo asked those seated at the table to introduce themselves for the record.

For Receipt – None.

New Business – None.

Old Business – None.

Enforcement Officer's Report-

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Jack Demirjian stated that he does not have any proposals for next month's meeting, so far. He stated that projects in town are progressing. Construction work at the Firelite site has begun. He noted that the construction of the facility at 197 Indian River Road is going well.

There were no additional comments.

For Discussion – For property known as 37 Robinson Boulevard. Submitted by Steve Andacs c/o Light Sources, Inc. To construct a 22,920 s.f. addition to the existing building and reconfiguration of the rear parking lot.

Steven Studer, Esq., Berchem Moses, 75 Broad Street, Milford, stated that he is representing Light Sources, Inc. He has submitted an affidavit confirming that notices have been sent to Milford and West Haven, as they abut 37 Robinson Boulevard.

Attorney Studer stated that Light Sources, Inc. is proposing an addition to the facility in Orange. He noted that they had been leasing a building at 75 Cascade Boulevard in Milford

as well as owning a facility at 37 Robinson Boulevard. They would like to consolidate their business so that it is completely in Orange.

Robert Wheway, a licensed Professional Engineer and principal of Codespoti & Associates, 263 Boston Post Road, Orange, is representing Light Sources, Inc.

(Commissioner John Hudson arrived at 7:14 p.m. and joined the meeting.)

Mr. Wheway displayed a plan for the commission. He explained that five wetland areas have been identified. He stated that they are not proposing any filling within the wetlands boundaries. Wetlands would not be directly impacted by this project. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Wheway explained the proposed drainage in detail. He noted that there would be improvements to drainage. He stated that Mr. Andacs spoke with the neighbors to explain the proposal and to be a good neighbor. Mr. Wheway stated that they will install a one-foot berm to divert water away from residential properties.

Mr. Wheway displayed an aerial view of the site. He explained that there would be four loading docks in conjunction with the warehouse. They would be regrading the area. Mr. Wheway explained that to facilitate drainage to the catch basins, parking in the rear would be decreased. Additional parking would be created in the front of the building.

Chairman Ruotolo asked if there were any questions. There were none.

A motion was made by John Hudson and seconded by Lesley Giovanelli to accept and approve the construction of a 22,920 s.f. addition and reconfiguration of the rear parking lot at 37 Robinson Boulevard, subject to all standard conditions. The motion carried with the vote recorded as follows: Hudson, aye; Giovanelli, aye; Ewen, aye; Perfetto, aye; Ruotolo, aye. The vote was recorded as 5-0 to accept and approve the motion.

Mr. Wheway asked the commission if they would accept the berm. The commission replied affirmatively.

Chairman Ruotolo noted that there were no public hearings tonight.

A motion was made by John Hudson and seconded by James Ewen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the vote recorded as follows: Hudson, aye; Ewen, aye; Perfetto, aye; Giovanelli, aye; Ruotolo, aye. The vote was recorded as 5-0 to accept and approve the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Trantales,
Administrative Assistant