

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 5, 5:30 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Wallingford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission was held in Room 315, Town Hall, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford Connecticut on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Cease & Correct hearing on a wetlands violation matter at 640 South Elm Street concerning introduction of sewage into a wetland and watercourse.

Seated Commissioners were: Jim Vitali, Chairman, Ellen Deutsch, Vice Chairman, and Jim Heilman, Alternate, and Environmental Planner Erin O'Hare.

Absent: Nick Kern, Secretary, Dennis Murphy, Dave Parent, Deborah Phillips, Alternate, and Jim Dobson, Alternate.

Chairman Vitali called the Special Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Chairman Vitali asked Erin O'Hare, Environmental Planner, to provide information on the Cease & Correct Order regarding 640 South Elm Street that is the subject of the hearing.

Ms. O'Hare indicated she had conducted a site investigation on August 1, 2013, in response to a request from Steve Hazelwood, Hazelwood Excavating, Inc., who is the contractor seeking to resolve an emergency sanitary sewage system situation wherein sewage is polluting the delineated wetlands and a small watercourse on the subject property due to the complete failure of the onsite septic system. Mr. Hazelwood and Steven Civitelli, Chief Sanitarian, Health Department, were also present. On August 2, a Cease & Correct Order was issued to the owner, Michael Crocker, ordering the property owner, or his representative, to appear at this hearing. She indicated Mr. Hazelwood, representing the owner, submitted a plan drawing dated August 2, 2013, which depicts the proposed corrective action which she then handed to the Commissioners.

Steve Hazelwood described the system failure, the lack of any feasible alternative onsite, and the recommended corrective action which entails the installation of a grinder pump and a sewer line on the subject property in the upland review area and in the wetland area which is to connect to a sewer line located on the abutting property, 620 So. Elm Street. All activity is to be conducted within a 15-foot wide area on the subject property and within a 15-foot wide sewer easement – recently obtained - located on the 620 So. Elm Street property. Silt fencing will be installed where necessary. Installation will be 4 feet deep. Soils will be retained and replaced. A bucket loader will be used. Work will begin as soon as possible in favorable weather conditions.

It was agreed that a wetland seed mix will be installed in the area to be disturbed by the activities.

Ms. O'Hare read a memorandum from Steve Civitelli, Chief Sanitarian, Health Dept., to her office, dated August 2, 2013, regarding the violation matter and the availability of access to the public sewer system.

Commissioner Heilman inquired if a permit application was required in this instance.

Chairman Vitali responded that a permit is not required in the case of a Cease & Correct Order wherein corrective work can commence immediately upon the issuance of the verbal or written order which is ideal for emergency situations. He indicated the DEEP has just published a newsletter explaining the purpose of a Cease & Correct Order – copies of which will be provided in the IWWC packet.

MR. HEILMAN: Motion that the Cease & Correct Order remain in effect until corrective action is satisfactorily completed.

MS. DEUTSCH: Second

VOTE: Unanimous

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary Erin O'Hare, Environmental Planner