

**TOWN OF KENT
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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MARCH 19, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting on Monday, **March 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** at 54 - 62 Carter Road.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Eric Cieplik, Fred Hosterman, Paul Yagid, Marge Smith (attended at the end of the meeting)
Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator
Guests Present: Jerry Schwab, President and CEO, High Watch Recovery Center
Vincent Roberti, Facilities Manager, High Watch Recovery Center
John Mack, P.E. Stuart Somers Co.
William Kenny, Soil Scientist

3. OLD BUSINESS:

3.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION

3.A.1. Application #1168-18, High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., 54 & 62 Carter Road, addition to existing administration building, parking area, drainage basin and associated grading, Map 14 Block 22 Lots 6 & 7.

The group walked to the area where the additions will be built and reviewed the wetland flag locations. It was noted that there was an indication of a stream to the southwest of flag #10. It was determined by Mr. Kenny, Mr. Roberti and Mr. Yagid that the stream location was approximately 140' from the addition. It was requested by the Commission that the stream's location be added to the site plan.

We were notified by Mr. Mack that the property known as 54 Carter Road had been flagged by the soil scientist.

When asked if the wetland area to be filled in was a viable habitat, Mr. Kenny said that he did not think the soils made that indication. He continued that if you were to walk the area during the period when

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there was no snow cover, you would not even know that the area was comprised of wetland soils. Mr. Schwab also noted that the stream is sometimes dry during the summer months.

Mr. Roberti reminded the Commission that back in 2009, a Cease and Desist Order was placed on the property for unpermitted work being done in a wetland area. He continued that it was always their intention to abandon the building that was located in the violation area and asked if restoring the wetlands that were destroyed in the area would offset the 700 sq. ft. that is proposed to be filled in. Those present said it could be something to be considered. It was decided that the information be included on the site plan.

Ms. Werner did ask if there was any way that the buildings could be rotated in such a way that no wetland area is impacted. She was told that the architects for the project will be attending the meeting on March 26th for further discussion.

Ms. Hayes advised Mr. Mack that Torrington Area Health would need to approve the detention basin proposed for 54 Carter Road. He said that he will get in touch with Ms. Cathy Weber, the Town's Sanitarian.

Discussion was then focused on the detention basin where it was noted that it was not High Watch's intention to create a basin that will hold water and eventually become a wetland. Its main use would be to filter the storm water runoff from the campus.

There was a brief discussion about the use of pervious surfaces for the proposed parking area. Mr. Mack was referred to a pervious parking area that was created in Torrington by the Northwest Conservation District.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The site walk adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Donna Hayes, CZEO
Land Use Administrator

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