

**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2020**

A special meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of Woodbridge was held on January 29, 2020, in the Central Meeting Room of the Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Robert Blythe, Chairman, Jack Kurek, David Speranzini and Barry Josephs

EXCUSED: Jean Webber (alternate), Josh Goldberg and Josh Lemon (alternate)

ALSO PRESENT: Kristine Sullivan, Land Use Analyst

Chairman Blythe called the special meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Board of Selectmen liaison Dwight Rowland and Fire Chief Sean Rowland were also in attendance.

FIRE HOUSE: 100 CENTER ROAD

Possible expansion of previously approved storage shed behind Fire House

The Chairman noted that members of the Agency had inspected the area behind the Fire House located at 100 Center Road on Saturday, January 18, 2020 relative to the possible expansion of the previously approved storage shed behind the Fire House.

He added that the purpose of the special meeting was to provide feedback to the Board of Selectmen as to whether or not the Agency might allow an expansion of the previously approved storage shed.

Agency members commented on the possible expansion as follows:

- If a finely tuned application were submitted that included mitigation and amelioration to the adjacent wetlands it could be approved.
- If an expansion were done, it should be in line with the existing shed foundation and go eastward.
- A retention wall should be utilized to limit fill in or towards the wetlands.
- Conceptually it should not be a problem, but if there is a 100' setback required from the cornfields, the measurement of any expansion should be double checked to conform to any setback requirements.
- The court stipulations which resulted from a prior matter at the Fire House that involved the Agency should be checked and complied with. Town Counsel could be asked to review that issue.
- If wetlands were to be filled, that filling should be offset with the creation of wetlands, potentially in the area going towards the cornfields.
- Questioned if the size of the existing propane tank would need to be enlarged to accommodate providing heat for a larger storage building.

Note: Fire Chief Sean Rowland who was in attendance at the meeting noted that the Fire House is now served by natural gas, not propane. The piping to furnish natural gas to the storage building is already in place.

- Questioned if the storage building were expanded if one of the tall light fixtures would have to be moved.

Note: Fire Chief Rowland responded that the tall light might just be removed and a light on the storage building installed instead.

Related to the Agency's site inspection Agency members also noted:

- There needed to be better containment of the refuse in the dumpsters behind the fire house.

Note: Fire Chief Rowland noted that there had been a raccoon problem involving the dumpsters. 6 Raccoons had been trapped and the dumpster is now locked at all times.

He added that in the warmer weather, the area will be cleaned up.

In conclusion, it was the consensus of the Agency members that with a proper application the project was doable.

ADJOURNMENT

**** Kurek moved adjournment at 7:39 p.m.**
**** Josephs seconded**
**** Voting for: Blythe, Kurek, Josephs, and Speranzini**
**** Opposed: No One**
**** Abstained: No One**
Unanimous approval

Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan,
Acting Recording Secretary