INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2015

The Town of Bloomfield Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, scheduled for 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall in Bloomfield, Connecticut with the following members present:

Nicholas Panke, Chairman	Also Present:	David Peter Castaldi, Wetlands Agent
Alan Budkofsky		
Barry Berson	Absent:	Howard Hunter, Vice Chairman
Kenneth Bennett		Terence Durrant
Wendell Duncan		Joy Chance
David Mann		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Panke called the regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission to order at 7:32 P. M. in the Council Chambers meeting room at the Bloomfield Town Hall.

Chairman Panke asked for a motion to re-open the public hearing and remove the application from the table.

1. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>
<u>CONTINUED FROM DEC. 15, 2014</u>
WETLANDS PERMIT
NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY
DERINGER-NEY, INC.
353 WOODLAND AVENUE

A motion was made by Commissioner Budkofsky to re-open the public hearing. Commissioner Berson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Tom Daly, Professional Engineer from Milone and MacBroom, spoke for the applicant and stated that they had met with staff, and the Town Plan and Zoning Commission since the December 15th meeting. They have addressed the concerns of staff and of the Commission with the revised plans submitted on the 13th of January. The plans now include a 3½ acre conservation easement for the westerly wetlands and watercourse, they have eliminated the corner of the truck turnout area and retaining wall closest to the wetlands, and they have moved the outlet of the storm drainage system further away from the wetlands.

Mr. Daly distributed a cut sheet showing the revised location for the stormwater outfall that is now 25 feet from the wetlands line. Mr. Daly also distributed a cut sheet showing a revised conservation easement line and incorporating additional vegetated buffer plantings.

There was some discussion about the proposed clearing limit plantings and it was generally agreed that their locations should be determined in the field after the clearing had been done. They applicant agreed to plant 100 shrubs at the edge of clearing and their locations would be determined in the field in coordination with the Wetlands Agent.

Mr. Castaldi reviewed his January 14, 2015 staff memorandum to the Commission and his twelve recommended conditions of approval. Mr. Castaldi also said that there may have been a misunderstanding of the term "enhanced vegetated buffers" in one of the conditions. The Zoning Regulations define a very specific enhanced vegetated buffer that is a minimum of 25 feet wide. The vegetated buffers recommended by Mr. Castaldi are to enhance the existing vegetation around the wetlands.

Chairman Panke asked if there were any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Mann asked about the discharge from the rain garden and infiltration. Mr. Daly stated that the rain garden is designed to infiltrate the first flush of runoff and that overflow from heavy rains is anticipated. They have provided a rip rap overflow to prevent scouring.

Commissioner Mann asked if they had any objections to the recommended conditions of approval. Mr. Day stated that they had no objections but did want to clarify that they would not have DEEP permit to discharge industrial waste water and they only generate domestic wastewater.

Commissioner Mann asked about the fine lawn areas versus the annual mowing areas. Mr. Daly stated that they would maintain lawn around the building and pavement areas but most of the other areas of the site would be mowed only once or twice per year. This will be made clearer on the final site plans.

Commissioner Mann asked about pervious pavement mentioned in Mr. Castaldi's preliminary memo. Mr. Daly stated that they had sufficient infiltration in the detention basin, rain garden and bio-swale to meet the DEEP requirements and that pervious pavement was deemed too expensive.

Chairman Panke asked if they were okay with the conditions of approval and wanted assurance that Deringer-Ney would be doing the same operations at the new facility as they were at their present Douglas Street facility. Mr. Daly answered in the affirmative to both.

Commissioner Mann asked about the runoff from the proposed development. Mr. Daly said they had had provided drainage calculations. Mr. Castaldi said that the calculations were reviewed and approved by the Engineering Department and that they indicate a reduction in peak rates of runoff to all discharge points for all storms up to the 100-year storm.

Chairman Panke asked if there were any additional questions from the Commission. Hearing none he asked if there were any questions from the public. There were no questions from the public. The property owners were present but did not speak on the record.

Chairman Panke asked if there were any comments from the Commission. Commissioner Mann stated that he felt that the applicant responded well to the staff and commission concerns.

Chairman Panke agreed with Commissioner Mann and stated that he felt the project was well designed and would be good for the environment.

Commissioner Budkofsky made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no discussion about the application.

Commissioner Budkofsky made a motion to approve the application of Deringer-Ney, subject to the recommended conditions of approval, the applicant's presentations and modifications, and made a finding of no prudent and feasible alternatives to the regulated activities. Commissioner Berson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014 MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Budkofsky to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Mr. Castaldi informed the Commission that he had received an application for a Wetland Agent Permit for the following:

1. MDC sewer work in the Daniel Boulevard, Forest Lane, May Lane area, including some sewer replacements and manhole work in upland review areas.

Another MDC project was discussed with MDC contractor re: clearing of sewer easements and right-of-ways for access to manholes. Many of these are in wetlands and near watercourses.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Budkofsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Peter Castaldi, Wetlands Agent

Nicholas Panke, Chairman