

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
June 20, 2011 (DRAFT)

The Town of Bloomfield Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a meeting on June 20, 2011 scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in Bloomfield, Connecticut with the following members present:

Present:

Also Present: David Peter Castaldi, Wetlands Agent

Nick Panke, Chairman  
Kenneth Bennett  
Laurianetta Huguely  
David Mann  
Daniel Mara

Absent: Barry Berson  
Alan Budkofsky  
Howard Hunter, Vice Chairman  
Maureen Sullivan, Recording Clerk

Mr. Panke called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and discussed the procedures for public hearings. There were five Commissioners present, the minimum number for a quorum, and four affirmative votes are needed to approve applications. The applicant has the option of waiting until the next meeting when more than a minimum quorum may be seated. The applicant had no problems proceeding to the public hearings with only five commissioners.

**1. Application of Brian McCann, Kleinfelder, Inc.  
Wetlands Map Amendment  
5 and 7 Tunxis Avenue  
Soil Scientist: Ashley Hawes**

Mr. Mara made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Brian McCann, Senior Geologist with Kleinfelder, Inc. discussed the project. An A-2 survey was completed as well as a delineation of the wetlands at the site. The map amendment was discussed.

Mr. Benjamin Rieger, a Wetlands Scientist with Kleinfelder, Inc., discussed the soil definitions and classification of the soils at the site. The flagging process was discussed.

Mr. Castaldi discussed the wetlands flagging at the site which had been checked by him in the field. The Wetlands Agent was in favor of approving the change and accepting the new flagging. The proof of mailing and sign affidavit paperwork was filed.

Mr. Rieger stated that in the Soils Report the statement that no wetlands soils were found on the site referred to NRCS mapped wetlands. The wetland delineation was based on soils identified as wetlands in Connecticut due to their saturated nature close to the brook.

Questions from the public:

Ms. Frances Cobb of 80 Loeffler Road asked about the wetlands line. Mr. Rieger showed the line on the plans with the wetlands delineation.

There were no questions from the Commission.

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Commission:

Mr. Mann commented that the application was straight forward and was in favor of the application. Mr. Panke agreed with the amendment change.

Mr. Mara made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mara made a motion to approve the application of Brian McCann, Kleinfelder, Inc. for a Wetlands Map Amendment at 5 and 7 Tunxis Avenue; Soil Scientist: Ashley Hawes, in accordance with the recommendations made tonight and with the recommended conditions of approval 1. and 2. as set forth in staff's memorandum dated June 14, 2011; and in accordance with the map presented entitled "Wetland Map Boundary Amendment Plan Plate 2" by Kleinfelder, Project Number 01EPF, dated April 7, 2011 with no revisions showing the modified wetlands boundary. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**2. Application of Brian McCann, Kleinfelder, Inc. for a Wetlands Permit for soil excavation in an upland review area on the western side of property located at 5 and 7 Tunxis Avenue.**

Mr. Bennett made a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. McCann discussed the complete remediation of the soils at the site. Various technologies used to remediate soils were discussed. They decided the least invasive way was to excavate the contaminated soil, remove it from the site and replace it with clean material. The applicant will be digging two to three feet below the water table to achieve compliance with DEP standard regulations. The deepest excavation is proposed for 12 feet below the existing grade of the property. They will need to pump groundwater into settling tanks and through filters before discharging to the MDC sanitary sewer. Two days of pumping are anticipated.

The project should be done during the seasonal low flow conditions in the brook during the summer months. The sedimentation and erosion control plan, required permits, test wells, slopes, planting buffer and landscaping plan were discussed. The applicant will comply with Best Management Practices.

Mr. Castaldi asked about the contaminants in the soil. Mr. McCann replied they are fuel oil and diesel oil constituents. Mr. Castaldi asked if the two days of pumping will be all day to which Mr. McCann replied that was the plan and discussed the pumps that will be used. A total of 950 cubic yards of soils will be removed. The compaction of the stone was discussed. Mr. Castaldi commented this was a beneficial project for the environment and Wash Brook.

Questions from public:

Daisy Mullins of 7 Alexander Road asked about the grading and how the changes to the property will affect Wash Brook, especially in relation to the flooding that took place at the library. Mr. McCann discussed the grading plan. Mr. Castaldi discussed the flooding at the library.

Questions from the Commission:

Mr. Mara asked if the applicant was in agreement with Mr. Castaldi's conditions of approval. Mr. McCann replied he believed the conditions were reasonable. Mr. Mara asked about the physical separation between the excavation and Wash Brook. Mr. McCann replied he would like to discuss that further with his engineers. Mr. Castaldi discussed using metal sheeting or sandbags, and would like to go with the least invasive.

Mr. Mann asked about the elevations to the abutting properties. Mr. Castaldi discussed the abutting property, an access easement and the sanitary sewer easement. Mr. Castaldi discussed the regrading.

Ms. Huguley asked about the metal sheeting.

Mr. Mann asked if the 950 cubic yards will be excavated all at once or staged. Mr. McCann stated the applicant planned on excavating the entire area at once.

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Commission:

Mr. Bennett commented he was in favor of this application.

Mr. Panke believed the plan looked good and this was long overdue.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Mara seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mara made a motion to approve the application of Brian McCann, Kleinfelder, Inc. for a Wetlands Permit for soil excavation in an upland review area on the western side of property located at 5 and 7 Tunxis Avenue, in accordance with the plans and specifications discussed tonight in the package entitled Excavation Plan prepared by Kleinfelder for former Mobil Service Station at 5 and 7 Tunxis Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut and in accordance with Mr. Castaldi's memorandum dated June 14, 2011 and the ten recommended conditions of approval as set forth in that memorandum. Mr. Mara also made a finding that the proposed use is appropriate and that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed regulated activities. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**3.****Minutes of May 16, 2011.**

Mr. Mann made a motion to approve the May 16, 2011 minutes. Ms. Huguley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**4. Discussion re: changes to the Wetlands Act**

Mr. Castaldi discussed new legislation passed this year by the State Legislature, amending the Wetlands Act, extending the duration of certain permits from six years to nine years. This will need to be changed in the next set of Wetlands Regulations

Ms. Huguley, Secretary, resigned from the Commission after more than 15 years of service. Her efforts were appreciated.

Mr. Mann made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maureen Sullivan, Recording Clerk

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Laurianetta Huguley, Secretary

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