

**CHESHIRE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014
TOWN HALL 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:30 PM**

Members present: Charles Dimmick, Kerrie Dunne, Earl Kurtz and Thom Norback.

Members Absent: Robert de Jongh, Dave Brzozowski and Will McPhee.

Staff: Suzanne Simone.

Dr. Dimmick served as chairman pro-tem in Robert de Jongh's absence.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Dimmick called the public hearing to order at 7:38 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Ms. Dunne called the roll.

Members present were Charles Dimmick, Kerrie Dunne, Earl Kurtz and Thom Norback.

IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Dr. Dimmick determined enough members were present for a quorum.

V. BUSINESS

Ms. Dunne read the legal call to open the public hearing on the following item:

1. Permit Application	APP	2014-028
Fifteen North Plains Industrial Road, LLC	DOR	9/02/14
1430 Highland Avenue	SW	9/06/14
Site Plan	SW	9/10/14
	PH	10/07/14
	MAD	11/06/14

Attorney David Sherwood from Glastonbury, CT and Attorney Ryan Corey were present on behalf of the applicant.

Attorney Sherwood said as you know this is a proposed daycare facility at 1430 Highland Avenue.

Attorney Sherwood requested that the Commission continue the hearing from this evening to the October 21 meeting. He said he was new to the project and he's now had the opportunity to review the consultant's materials, the minutes from the September 2 meeting and some brief discussion from September 16; he's taken a look at the staff memos on the most recent plan that were submitted and stated apparently there's considerable concern about the impact to the wet meadow which is in the center of the property.

Attorney Sherwood explained as a result of that (wet meadow concerns) we met with the operational people – the people who are going to operate the daycare to see if they could work out the issues that they face by moving the building to the east of the wet meadow – farther to the rear of the property and bringing the driveway along the southerly boundary to the immediate south of the wet meadow. He said he thinks if they can work those things out - but citing they do have a couple of problems – one is if they move the building to the rear they have to make sure they stay out of the gas easement because he didn't think they were going to be able to do anything in there.

Attorney Sherwood said they have to have 75 SF per student of enclosed outside area by statute – they also have to be able to get the school bus in and out without any backing maneuvers; they found that out from the operational people.

Attorney Sherwood said they talked to the engineer and he thinks he can reposition the parking slightly – move the building slightly to the rear, make the play area slightly smaller so he (the engineer) thinks he can implement the alternative that you apparently that you apparently preferred at your meeting at September 2 so we will therefore avoid any impact to the wet meadow. He explained they think they will have a better plan but they are going to need some more time to put it together and what they'd like to do is put it together and meet with staff before the 21st (October); if they can't do that they'll let staff know and they'll ask that it be continued to the November meeting.

Attorney Sherwood said if they don't have a plan that's acceptable to the applicant and staff for October 21 and to present to you (the Commission) they may have to go to November but they (the Commission) has 35 days to close the public hearing and they can give another 35 additional days which of course they would if they don't have a plan yet.

Dr. Dimmick queried Commission member and there were no objections from members to continue the public hearing to October 21.

Dr. Dimmick stated the public hearing was continued to October 21, 2014.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. by the consensus of Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted:

**Carla Mills
Recording Secretary
Cheshire Inland Wetland and
Watercourse Commission**