

*Town of Killingworth  
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission  
Killingworth, Connecticut 06419*

January 13, 2015  
Public Hearing

The Public Hearing to hear testimony on the permit application submitted by Daryl & Veronica Smith, Town of Killingworth, and Ferdinand Almodovar (owners), Town of Killingworth (applicant), to install a 24" storm drainage outfall with riprap basin and apron and sod level pad; with the storm drainage outfall discharging runoff from a new storm drainage system installed within Parker Hill Road and Parker Hill Road Extension, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman C. Reimers.

Members present: T. Doyle, E. Auer, G. Johnson, C. Reimers  
Also present: Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson and Clerk M.A. Lisk

Members absent: D. Cronin, G. Rockwell

Visitors: Engineer Howard Pfrommer, Road Foreman Walter Adametz, Engineer Aaron Mortensen, First Selectwoman Catherine Iino, ten other visitors

The Legal Notice was read by Chairwoman C. Reimers. The notice was published in The Hartford Courant on December 31, 2014 and January 7, 2015.

The list of items received for this hearing is as follows:

1. The Legal Notice as published on December 31, 2014 and January 7, 2015
2. The Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity in Wetlands, Watercourses or Adjacent Areas submitted by Daryl & Veronica Smith, town of Killingworth, Ferdinand Almodovar (owners), Town of Killingworth (applicant)
3. Parker Hill Road and Extension Drainage Improvements Plan dated November 2014
4. Design and Drainage Report for Parker Hill Road and Extension Drainage Improvements, December 4, 2014
5. Letter from Aaron L. Mortensen, P.E. (Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc.), 12/4/14, re: IWWC permit, Parker Hill Road and Extension Drainage Improvements, NLJ #0055-0077
6. Copy of Notice to Abutters – Parker Hill Road & Ext. drainage project
7. List of adjacent/abutting property owners to Parker Hill Road & Ext. drainage project
8. Copies of Certificates of Mailing sent to adjacent & abutting property owners of Parker Hill Road & Ext. drainage project
9. Copy of letter from Cindy F. Gaudino, Manager Source Protection and Real Estate, CT Water Company, 11/6/14, re: Parker Hill Road – Storm Drainage Improvements, Killingworth
10. Copy of completed State of CT Dept. of Public Health, Drinking Water Section, Application for a Storm Water Discharge Permit
11. Pre-Watershed and Post-Watershed Map – Town of Killingworth, Parker Hill Road and Extension Drainage Improvements
12. Letter from Robert Wettish, 12/9/14, to Commission re: Parker Hill Road & Ext. drainage project
13. Copy of the Notice of Vote from the December 9, 2014 IWWC meeting

Engineer Howard Pfrommer (Nathan Jacobsen & Associates) gave a presentation for the proposed storm drainage outfall and outfall discharges to alleviate road flooding and icing on sections of Parker Hill Road and Parker Hill Road Extension. Mr. Pfrommer explained that the project was being undertaken for public safety reasons, due to road flooding and icing. He presented photographs and construction plans of all areas under consideration. The project encompasses four district areas, two of which fall into the purview of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

There are five existing cross-culverts, some of which work to some degree and some barely working. Mr. Pfrommer explained that none of them are in favorable locations to address the drainage problem adequately. A temporary swale was dug by the Town as a stop-gap measure when the Wettish fields were constructed on Parker Hill Road Extension. First Selectwoman Cathy Iino said the Town has been seeking a solution for several years and she feels confident that road repairs in that area will hold up if the water issues are taken care of with the proposed solution.

Other alternatives have been investigated to solve the water problem, including getting easements from property owners to pipe the water over the property. Robert Wettish said the reason no one wanted the pipe is because they want to preserve Heft Brook. They don't want the large volume of water as well as sand and salt dumping into the brook. Mr. Wettish expressed concern about the volume of water coming off the fields onto the road. He showed photographs of some road flooding near his home. Road Foreman Walter Adametz said the proposed plan is the best alternative to getting rid of the water on the road and will help alleviate the flooding and icing.

Some visitors spoke about the drainage problems that have occurred since the construction of the ball fields on Parker Hill Road Ext. They were in favor of any plan that could alleviate the problem.

Verbal approval for the project has been received from the Public Health Department. Signed easements have been obtained from Daryl and Veronica Smith; however, the Almodovars are out of the country so their easement has not yet been signed.

There was a discussion about the detention basin and a request to check the new rain data calculations for the flow through the detention basin on the northern end discharge to determine the size of the pipe needed for the project. Another discussion was on the proposed work on the discharge on the southern end. Trees will be taken down and shrubs and other plants will be planted. Mr. Pfrommer said there was no specific plan for the type of plants that will be used. He said if the commission members want to see a list of the plantings for their approval, before they are planted, he has no objection to that.

Communications submitted at the Public Hearing:

- 1) Photos submitted by Robert Wettish of Parker Hill Road Extension
- 2) Legal Notice as published in The Hartford Courant on December 31, 2014
- 3) Legal Notice as published in The Hartford Courant on January 7, 2015
- 4) Affidavit of Publication from The Hartford Courant on the two publications of the legal notice

G. Johnson moved, seconded by E. Auer to close the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk,  
Clerk