



Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Thursday, June 8th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely, via ZOOM.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Chairman P. Basserman, Commissioners M. Ormrod, M. Steinberg, J. Meinsen, S. Botta and D. Goclowski. Also Present was IWA Staff Members J. Frederick and K. Blanchette

1) **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

- a) May 11th, 2023 Regular meeting minutes-Commissioner Steinberg made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner J. Meinsen seconds. Motion passes.
Commissioner S. Botta abstained from voting
- b) June 1st, 2023 SPECIAL site walk meeting minutes-Commissioner Goclowski makes a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Meinsen seconds. Motion passes.
Commissioner S. Botta abstained from voting.

2) **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:**

- a) IW#23.05.03 | 117 Thimble Island Rd | installation of septic system for apartment to be constructed in new second floor addition over existing garage-After a brief review of the application, the commission determined that the application fell under the guidelines to be done as an Agent approval. IW Agent J. Frederick will review that application as an agent approval.
- b) IW#23.05.04 | 34 Ridge Acres Rd | pond and watercourse maintenance
WITHDRAWN-no discussion
- c) BRIW#23.06.01 | 39-49 North Main St | fueling facility-Town engineer John Hoefflerle presented the current plan to put in a new fueling pump to the rear of the Fire Headquarters to replace the underground fuel storage tank located to the rear of the police department. The underground tanks will become obsolete in 2025. There was discussion regarding the type of material to be used and how spills will be contained. Commissioners requested that more detailed plans be submitted for the next meeting.
- d) BRIW#23.06.02 | 185 Damascus Rd | exterior site improvements to Francis Walsh Intermediate School-Commissioner S. Botta recused herself from this application. Dominick Celtruda, Landscape Architect from BL Companies gave a brief overview of the plan, which consists of 2 multi purpose fields, basketball courts, seasonal restrooms, new playscape, and accessible walkways to be able to access all areas of the fields.

- e) IW#23.06.03 | 282 Pine Orchard Rd | Removal of diseased landscaping and landscaping debris-Marcia Palluzzi, Landscape architect presented the proposed plan. They are going to do the plan in 2 phases, as its hard to predict what the second phase will entail until they get going with phase 1, as a lot of brush/invasive removal needs to occur. Upon review of the plan for phase I, the commission determined that it is appropriate to be done as an agent approval, however phase II needs to come back to the commission.

3) APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

- a) IW#23.03.04 | 34 Oak Hollow Rd | detached garage 24’x30’-IW Agent Jaymie Frederick indicated that test pits were conducted and drainage calculations were done. Proposed system will be able to handle flows. Commissioner S. Botta makes a motion to approve the application with the conditions that are included in the recommendations of the Staff Report for the meeting dated 06/08/2023. Commissioner Steinberg Seconds. Roll Call Vote:

P. Bassermann-aye

M. Ormrod-aye

J. Meinsen-aye

M. Steinberg-aye

D. Goclowski-aye

S. Botta-aye

Motion carries unanimously

- b) IW#23.05.01 | 22 School St | residential addition and septic repair- reviewed the minor change to the site plan to try and save a tree that the homeowner wanted to keep. Plan now requires to bring in some fill to the septic area and the addition of a small retaining wall, which will move the septic system out of the way of the tree. Commissioner S. Botta Makes a motion to approve the application with the following conditions:

1. Contact the Inland Wetlands department to request inspections/site meetings for the following:

- a. Pre-construction meeting – prior to land clearing
 - i. Clearing limits shall be marked in the field by surveyor
- b. Initial erosion control inspection – prior to land disturbance
 - i. Locations shall be marked in the field by surveyor prior to install
- c. Plantings inspection
- d. Final inspection

2. A licensed surveyor shall identify in the field layout of site components including but not limited to: clearing limits, erosion controls, storm water system components and buildings. After completion of the project an “as built” property/boundary survey must be submitted to the IW Agent prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. In addition to the items listed in the “Standards for Surveys and Maps in the State of Connecticut” the property/boundary survey shall also depict the location of wetlands, final grading, and location of storm water structures

with invert elevations. A qualified PE or land surveyor shall certify that the grading and stormwater system on site is consistent with this approval.

2. A bond shall be submitted to cover proper installation and maintenance of the site erosion controls. The project engineer is to submit to the IW Agent an itemized estimate of the cost to bond these items for the review and approval. After approval by the Agent the bond is to be submitted consistent with Section 13 of the Regulations prior to start of work. The bond will remain in place until the site is stabilized and the as built survey documenting compliance with the permit has been received.
3. Plantings located along the edge of the wetland as noted in step 10 of the construction sequence on Zoning Location Survey last revised June 5th, 20323, shall be monitored for 5 years documenting at least 85% survival rate of vegetation and control of invasive species.
 - a. A bond shall be submitted to cover the plantings and monitoring. The permit holder shall submit to the IW Agent an estimate of the cost to bond these items for the Agent's review and approval. After approval by the Agent the bond is to be submitted consistent with Section 13 of the Regulations prior to start of work. The bond will remain in place until the wetland scientist has submitted documentation that the standards outlined in the permit have been achieved for 5 years or the life of the permit, whichever occurs first.
 - b. The Duly Authorized Agent shall review and approve any changes to the planting plan.

Commissioner Bassermann seconds the motion, and makes an amendment to add that approval is contingent upon receiving approval from East Shore District Health. Commissioner Botta accepts the amendment and seconds. Roll Call:

M. Ormrod-aye
J. Meinsen-aye
D. Goclowski-aye
M. Steinberg-aye
S. Botta-aye
P. Bassermann-aye
Motion carries unanimously

C) IW#23.05.02 | 35 Bayberry Ln | residential addition/garage addition- Engineer Jim Pretti, Criscuolo Engineering, stated that the test pits to check the foundation of the garage showed that the foundation is able to adequately support the addition on top of the garage. Commissioner S. Botta makes a motion to approve the application with the proposed conditions that are included within the Staff Report for the meeting dated 06/08/2023. Commissioner Goclowski seconds. Roll call vote:

P. Bassermann-aye
M. Ormrod-aye
J. Meinsen-aye
M. Steinberg-aye
D. Goclowski-aye

S. Botta-aye

Motion carries unanimously

4) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) IW#20.10.01 | 65 Dorchester Ln. | new single family house
 - i) Modification to mitigation and access way to pond edge-IW Agent J. Frederick presented the modified plan along with homeowner Jay Gauvin. Chairman P. Bassermann makes a motion to approve the modification as presented. Commissioner S. Botta seconds. Roll Call:

M. Ormrod-aye

J. Meinsen-aye

M. Steinberg-aye

D. Goclowski-aye

S. Botta-aye

P. Bassermann-aye

Motion Carries unanimously

- b) IW#19.11.01 | 1151 West Main | construction of bank and grocery store and associated improvements
 - i) Monitoring report & permit compliance-Invasive Species management plan-
- c) Meeting schedule/agenda order & content

5) **ENFORCEMENT:**

- a) Notice of Violation | 38 Howard Ave | retaining wall & associated activities- Engineer is working on the plans for the project and will have them ready for the July 13 meeting. Neighbors at 34 Howard were concerned that some grading work was also conducted on their property. Chairman Bassermann indicated that no discussion will take place without the commission first getting an opportunity to review the plans.
- b) CC#23.05.01/Notice of Violation | 144 Brushy Plain Rd | vegetation removal and pilling of woody debris-commission reviewed the restoration plan presented from Davison environmental. The following items need to be completed prior to the the July 13th meeting- The pipe needs to be brought back 10' to the original location and energy dissipator installed to prevent any erosion to the area. The 3 red maples shown on the plan need to be planted and properly mulched to help with water needs as they establish. Erosion Controls need to be maintained and regularly inspected until ground cover is established. Commission will review at July 13, 2023 meeting.
- c) NOV | 72 Parish Farm Rd & 10 High Meadow Rd Rear | import of earth material within upland review area-IW Agent J. Frederick reviewed activity occurring on the property. Owner Michael Nuzzo was present and explained the activities and stated he wanted to fix the violation. Commission requested that a Wetland Delineation be done and have the site flagged. Property own stated he would get the site stabilized and install erosion controls this weekend. IW Agent J. Frederick requested flagging be done prior to August 10 meeting, although preferably would like it done before July 13, however recognizing that is a tight time frame. Until project is reviewed again in July/August, erosion controls should be routinely inspected and maintained. Repairs should be made as needed. Additionally, property owner should consult the

wetland/soil scientist when flagging if any additional preventative measures should be implemented.

- d) CC#22.06.01 & 2nd NOV | 20 Huntington Drive | removal of trees and placement of debris
 - i) Progress on restoration plan-IW Agent J. Frederick reported the homeowner has not have any additional required work done. Commission discussed potentially putting the CC on the land records. Will give the property owner to the end of the month to try and get someone out to reflag the wetlands so they can begin planting. Will discuss further action at the July 13, 2023 meeting.
 - e) CC#22.12.01 | 21 Brainerd Road | Construction without permits
 - i) just cause hearing – continued from 12/8/22-Wetland delineation and survey have been completed. IW Agent J. Frederick would like to request a meeting with the property owner and other land use departments to have a comprehensive discussion on next steps. Will contact the property owner to set something up, and also to set up an erosion control inspection.
- 6) **AGENT APPROVALS:**
- a) IW#23.03.05 | 122 Flat Rock Rd | pool-no discussion
 - b) IW#23.04.08 | Sundance/26 North Main St | arborvitae plantings –no discussion
- 7) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner S. Botta made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner M. Ormrod seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katy Blanchette

IW Associate