



## Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely, via ZOOM:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

**Roll Call:** Acting Chairperson Clarice Begemann, Commissioners Matthew Ormrod, David Gocłowski, Melissa Funaro, Melissa Papantones (seated at 7:10 pm) Also Present: IW Agent J. Frederick, IW Associate Katy Blanchette

#### 1) **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

- a) June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular meeting minutes-Commissioner D. Gocłowski made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2023. Commissioner M. Funaro seconds. Motion carries. (3-0-1) Acting Chair C. Begemann abstained.

#### 2) **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:**

- a) IW#23.06.05 | 29 (aka 25-29) Business Park Dr | patio (24'x41') and native plantings along edge of lawn/watercourse-IW Agent J. Frederick gave a brief overview of the project. Consists of a concrete patio and landscaping. Invasive plants to be cut back along the watercourse and native shrubs planted. Based upon the scope of the project, the commission concluded it was appropriate for it to be reviewed as an Agent Approval as long as a civil engineer confirms for the record that increased impervious area will not result in adverse conditions/require stormwater management.
- b) IW#23.06.06 | 35-37 Harrison Ave | Email submission 6/29, actual submission 07/06/2023-Engineer Chuck Mandel presented an overview of the project to the commission. Plan is for 6 townhouse units in the rear portion of the lot. Believes a site walk would be beneficial for the commission. Site walk scheduled August 8 at 5:30 pm.
- c) IW#23.07.01 | 55 Meadow Wood Rd | New Home Construction with septic, pool and accessory building-Engineer Mark Young presented the plan for the applicant, which consists of demolishing a home and building a new home with a detached accessory gym and pool. Majority of site work is to be conducted outside of the 100 ft upland review area. Trees in the upland review area are to be removed due to the safety risk of them, as they are in very poor condition. Commission determined due to the scope of the project and that the work is mainly outside of the upland review area, it is deemed appropriate to be done as an agent approval.

#### 3) **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:**

- a) BRIW#23.06.01 | 39-49 North Main St | fueling facility-Town Engineer John Hoeflerle gave a presentation on the project. Detailed plans were submitted as requested at the June 8 meeting. Commissioner D. Gocłowski made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner M. Funaro seconded. Acting Chair C. Begemann made an amendment to include the conditions as outlined in the staff

report dated 07/13/2023. Commissioners D. Goclowski and M. Funaro accepted the Amendment. Roll Call:

M. Funaro-aye

M. Papantones-aye

M. Ormrod-aye

D. Goclowski-aye

C. Begemann-aye

Motion carries unanimously.

- b) BRIW#23.06.02 | 185 Damascus Rd | exterior site improvements to Francis Walsh Intermediate School-Landscape Architect Dominick Celtruda from BL Companies presented the information that was requested at the 06/08/2023 Meeting and per staff comments. Full boring report was submitted. Field carpet projected to last 8-10 years, and maintenance could be done then if needed on the system. IW Agent J. Frederick will prepare a staff report with proposed conditions for the 08/10/2023 meeting.

4) **ENFORCEMENT:**

- a) Notice of Violation | 38 Howard Ave | retaining wall & associated activities-IW Agent J. Frederick stated that a petition to Intervene was submitted by 2 parties. Commissioner M. Papantones makes a motion to grant intervener status to Dr. S. Noori and S. Diaz-Romero, as well as L. Liscio. Commissioner D. Goclowski seconds. Roll Call:

M. Funaro-aye

M. Papantones-aye

M. Ormrod-aye

D. Goclowski-aye

C. Begemann-aye

Motion carries unanimously.

Site walk set for August 8, 2023 at approx. 6 pm.

- b) CC#23.05.01/Notice of Violation | 144 Brushy Plain Rd | vegetation removal and pilling of woody debris-IW Agent J. Frederick stated that the 3 trees have been planted. Commissioner M. Funaro made a motion to Uphold the CC. Commissioner M. Papantones seconds. Acting Chair C. Begemann we should also add the following: 1) Final inspection will be conducted by Agent after fall seeding. 2) Trees are to be monitored for the next 3 years for success. Commissioners M. Funaro and M. Papantones accept the amendment. Roll Call:

M. Ormrod-aye

D. Goclowski-aye

M. Funaro-aye

M. Papantones-aye

C. Begemann-aye

Motion carries unanimously.

- c) NOV | 72 Parish Farm Rd & 10 High Meadow Rd Rear | import of earth material within upland review area-Continued to November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. If application is ready before that date, will be accepted earlier.
- d) CC#22.06.01 & 2<sup>nd</sup> NOV | 20 Huntington Drive | removal of trees and placement of debris
  - i) Progress on restoration plan –IW Agent J. Frederick stated no further communication has been received. Commissioner D. Gocłowski makes a motion to file the CC on the land records, with the authority to add fines if work is not completed by November 9. Commissioner M. Papantones seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
- e) CC#22.12.01 | 21 Brainerd Road | Construction without permits
  - i) just cause hearing – continued from 12/8/22 –Commissioner M. Papantones makes a motion to uphold and modify the order and put CC on the land records. Owner shall appear at August 10 meeting to explain why he has not complied and continued work. A restoration/application shall be submitted for review. Commission to discuss issuing fines. Erosion Controls need to be installed and inspected prior to August 3. Seconded by M. Ormrod. Motion carries unanimously.
- f) NOV | 616 & 620 East Main St | vegetation removal/ground disturbance within 100’ of wetland-Area has been reseeded and is growing well. Commissioner D. Gocłowski makes a motion to close out the Notice of Violation. Commissioner M. Papantones seconds, and adds an amendment to include that the activity falls under 4.1c of the Regulations. Commissioner D. Gocłowski accepts the amendment. Roll Call:
  - M. Ormrod-aye
  - M. Funaro-aye
  - M. Papantones-aye
  - D. Gocłowski-aye
  - C. Begemann-aye
 Motion carries unanimously
- g) CC#04.03.01 | 573 East Main St | clearing, grading, removal of topsoil within 100’ of wetland
  - i) Request to lift order-Commission discussed the history of the violation. Per discussion, IW Agent J. Frederick will conduct the final inspection that was never completed in order to address lifting the Cease and Correct. Property owner Wayne Cooke gave Agent permission to walk the site at her convenience. J. Frederick will walk site and report back to the commission to try and close this Cease and Correct order out at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- h) CC#20.12.02 | 10 Kenyon St | removal of vegetation and earth disturbance/grading within 100’ of a wetland
  - i) Request to lift order-IW Agent J. Frederick stated that the CC had required replanting and monitoring reports for 3 years. We did not receive a monitoring report until this year, which would have been the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Site is

doing very well however and things have grown in nicely. Commissioner M. Funaro makes a motion to lift the Cease and Correct order. Commissioner M. Papantones seconds. Commissioner Funaro adds an amendment that the silt fences are to be removed. Commissioner Papantones accepts amendment.

Roll Call:

D. Gocłowski-aye

M. Ormrod-aye

M. Funaro-aye

M. Papantones-aye

C. Begemann-aye

Motion carries unanimously

5) **AGENT APPROVALS:**

- 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
  - i) Per discussion at June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting-no discussion
- b) IW# 26.06.04 | 16 Marion Rd | hot tub installation-no discussion
- c) IW#23.06.03 | 282 Pine Orchard Rd | Establishment of lawn and removal of diseased vegetation and landscaping debris
  - i) Per discussion at June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting-no discussion

6) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

- 7) **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner M. Funaro makes a motion to adjourn at 11:52 pm. Commissioner M. Papantones seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katy Blanchette

IW Associate