



## Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 7:00 PM

This meeting was held remotely, via ZOOM.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman P. Bassermann

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman P. Bassermann, Commissioners M. Ormrod, D. Gocłowski, C. Begemann, M. Funaro, S. Botta. Commissioner M. Papantones joined the meeting at 7:06 pm. Also present was IW Staff J. Frederick and K. Blanchette

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

- a) July 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, revised-Commissioner M. Ormrod made a motion to approve the revised minutes. Commissioner S. Botta seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0-1). Commissioner D. Gocłowski abstained.
- b) July 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes-Commissioner M. Ormrod made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2024. Commissioner S. Botta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Papantones arrived

#### 2) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a) IW#24.02.02 | 1-17 Beacon Hill Road and Beacon Hill Road (formerly part of property known as 83 Rose Hill Rd) | New Active Adult Residential Community
  - i) Public hearing continued from July 25- \*Commissioner M. Ormrod has recused himself from this application\* IW Agent J. Frederick stated that she received revised plans on Friday, however has not had time to properly review them. Doug Anderson, representative for the applicant, stated that they are statutorily out of time, and believe the best course of action is to withdraw the application and resubmit essentially the same application again at a later date to restart the time clock. There was discussion regarding the best course of action regarding the fee reduction request. The applicant requested that the Commission consider applying the fee paid to the new application. IW Agent J. Frederick indicated that with the new design plans, there is \$5124 outstanding. After discussion, the commission stated that they cannot guarantee a fee reduction on a new application that isn't submitted yet, as they cannot make that determination without the application. The commission did state that it could be considered if appropriate when the new application is submitted. The Commission determined that the leftover funds for the peer review will be returned to the applicant and they can resubmit the funds to continue the peer review process with the next application. The peer review team felt that the leftover money would be enough to continue the peer review of the new application assuming it was substantially similar. Commissioner P. Bassermann made a motion to deny the fee request for this application, with the understanding that the commission would consider a fee reduction for a new application if appropriate. Commissioner S. Botta seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0-0). D. Anderson withdrew the application and stated he

will submit confirmation in writing via email that the application is withdrawn.

**3) APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:**

- a) IW#24.07.01 | 34 Howard Ave | retaining wall, front walk, parking area and landscaping-IW Agent J. Frederick stated that revised plans were received from the applicant, that she has not had time to fully review. Marci Palluzzi, Landscape architect for the applicant presented the revised plans. All work is to be done in the front of the house, with no drainage to the rear of the property towards the wetland. Plan addresses the overburden from the driveway and wall constructed on the adjacent property. Two (2) parking areas are proposed, both being constructed of a paved surface with Belgian Block apron, which in heavy storms would help dissipate the flow of water. Roof Drainage is to be captured by a pipe going through the proposed retaining wall, planting area in the front of the house, to a stone depression in the front to help capture and allow infiltration of the water from roof. Erosion controls were addressed in the plan as requested by IW Agent Frederick at the previous meeting. Agent J. Frederick indicated that she hasn't had time to review the recent submission fully, nor has the Town Engineer, regarding stormwater management. There was discussion about having the plan potentially reviewed as an agent approval, however there was questions as to whether enough information was present to be able to make that determination. Engineer Robert Sonnichsen, engineer for the project, reviewed some of the points of revisions to the initial plan due to his comments, including minimizing the height and extent of the wall, and not increasing the natural drainage that occurs towards the road. Commission ultimately decided that IW Agent J. Frederick and Town Engineer J. Hoefflerle have time to review the new materials submitted and revisit the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**4) ENFORCEMENT:**

- a) CC#24.07.01 | 1, 5 and 7 Beacon Hill Rd | vegetation removal & earth disturbance within wetland and adjacent upland area
- i) Continuation of show cause hearing (from July 11, 2024, meeting)- IW Agent J. Frederick visited the site recently and noted that the area had revegetated and is stabilized. Commission determined that discussion would be tabled until October 10<sup>th</sup>, and that a restoration plan should be submitted for consideration by that time.
- b) NOV | 9 High Plains Rd | regrading resulting in sedimentation of the pond located on property known as 40 Hickory Hill Lane-IW Agent updated the commission on the violation, which involved sediment from the regrading of the property at 9 High Plains Road, to travel through catch basins and into the pond located on the property of 40 Hickory Hill Lane due to lack of erosion controls. Silt fences, haybales, and silt sacks have since been placed on the site and they appear to be working. Commission reviewed photos of the site and the ponds affected on 40 Hickory Hill Lane. Commission determined that a scientist, specifically a professional with experience in limnology and wetland science, needs to be hired to evaluate the short- and long-term impacts to the ponds, and come up with a mitigation plan. Erosion controls also need to be maintained until the site is revegetated. A Cease and Correct order must also be issued to both the property owner at High Plains Road as well as their contractor. There was discussion about possibly issuing a Cease and Correct order to the property

owner at 40 Hickory Hill Lane as well. Show Cause hearing to be held on September 12 at the regularly scheduled inland wetlands meeting.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** none

6) **PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED):**

a) Regulation revisions to address 2023 changes to the CT Stormwater Quality Manual and CT Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and minor changes (proposed changes can be viewed at link provided above)-Chairman P. Bassermann opened the public hearing and commission reviewed the proposed changes, which were limited to changes in stormwater management as directed in the 2023 Stormwater Manual and format corrections. Chairman P. Bassermann made a motion to approve the revised regulations with an effective date of September 12, 2024. Commissioner S. Botta seconded. Roll Call vote:

D. Gocłowski-aye

C. Begemann-aye

M. Ormrod-aye

M. Funaro-aye

M. Papantones-aye

S. Botta-aye

P. Bassermann-aye

Motion carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

7) **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:**

a) IW#24.08.01 | 33 Pepperwood Ln | addition with 2<sup>nd</sup> story

i) Possible agent review-no discussion

8) **AGENT REVIEWS:**

a) IW#24.07.02 | 36 Greenfield Ave | aboveground pool, where pool was previously

i) Permit issued 8/8/24-no discussion

9) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a) Correspondence RE Sewer capacity/WPCA – no action required-no discussion

10) **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned by Chairman P. Bassermann at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katy Blanchette