



Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Thursday, September 12, 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. IW Staff Present: J. Frederick and K. Blanchette

1) **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

- a) August 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes-Commissioner C. Begemann made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting with the following revisions to occur: Under item 2a) change “application” to fee “reduction” request and on top of second page, add “Anderson” after the name Doug to align with past notations in minutes. Commissioner D. Gocłowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:**

- a) IW#24.07.01 | 34 Howard Ave | retaining wall, front walk, parking area and landscaping

IW Agent J. Frederick reviewed the staff report for this application with the commission. Commission determined that monitoring of the plants is not a required condition of approval, as the plantings are not located near the wetlands.

Commissioner M. Ormrod made a motion to approve the applications with the proposed conditions outlined in the staff report for the meeting dated September 12, 2024, along with the standard conditions and general provisions of every permit. Commissioner D. Gocłowski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) **ENFORCEMENT:**

- a) CC#24.09.01 & NOV | 9 High Plains Rd | regrading resulting in sedimentation of the pond located on property known as 40 Hickory Hill Lane

Show cause hearing-Property owner (Darren Capobianco), hired wetland Scientist George Logan to investigate the pond conditions and formulate a plan for remediation. Mr. Logan inspected the property on August 27, 2024. He stated he collected samples of the water and had it tested. Other than high levels of suspended solids in the water, there was nothing else concerning in his test results. The remediation plan will involve the placement of Floc Logs to help allow the sediments to settle to the bottom of the pond and prevent them from resuspending. After another rain event, a gallon of water will have to be sent to the company in Arizona that manufactures the Floc Logs so that they know the specifications needed for the Floc Logs for the pond. Once that is done, they can install the Floc Logs. Mr. Logan will investigate the monitoring requirements for the Floc Logs and the timeline for installation. This hearing was continued to the September 26, 2024 meeting.

- b) CC#24.09.02 | 170-182 Leetes Island Rd | clearing and earth disturbance without a permit

Show cause hearing-Property owner/agent was not in attendance at the meeting. Commission tabled this matter until 9/26 meeting. IW Agent J. Frederick to resend the notices and this time also include the agent listed for the LLC.

4) **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:**

- a) IW#24.08.02 | 195 Cherry Hill Rd Ext | new single-family home with inground pool
Possible agent review-IW Agent J. Frederick indicated that this application was part of a subdivision that was already approved, however some lots needed to obtain site plan approval. This was one of the lots that contained land within the 100 foot upland review area. Commission determined that it could be handled administratively, and if there were any concerns upon review of the application by the agent, it could be brought to the commission.
- b) IW#24.09.02 | 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,9,11,15,17 Beacon Hill Rd | Age Restricted Housing Development-item was for receipt only. Commissioner Ormrod recused from this matter. Due to a lack of quorum, item was continued to the September 26, 2024 meeting.

5) **OTHER BUSINESS:** none currently

6) **AGENT REVIEWS:**

- a) IW#24.08.01 | 33 Pepperwood Ln | addition with 2nd story
 - i) Approved-no discussion
- b) IW#24.09.01 | 31 Flat Rock Rd | shed
 - i) Approved-no discussion

7) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) Rockland Wetlands Restoration invite Oct. 5, 2024-Staff indicated it is an event to celebrate the successful restoration of the wetlands and their transfer to the Land Trust.
- b) [CIPWG Symposium](#) Oct. 29, 2024 and
- c) [CACIWC Annual Meeting](#) Nov. 16, 2024

Commissioners are to let office staff know ASAP if they wish to attend CIPWG so that they can be registered.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Blanchette