



# Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Thursday, October 24, 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 Peter Bassermann

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman P. Bassermann, Commissioners D. Gocłowski, M. Ormrod, S. Botta, C. Begemann. Absent were Commissioners M. Papantones and J. Meinsen. Also present was IW Staff J. Frederick and K. Blanchette

### 1) MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

- a) October 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes-Commissioner D. Gocłowski made a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2024. Commissioner C. Begemann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2) APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

- a) IW#24.09.02 | 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,9,11,15,17 Beacon Hill Rd and Beacon Hill Rd | Age Restricted Housing Development
  - i) Tabled – Public Hearing to be opened on 11/14/2024-No Discussion
- b) IW#24.09.03 | 5 Pin Oak Dr | construct 20,000 square foot building with associated site improvements-Jim Pretti, PE from Criscuolo engineering gave an overview of the project and highlighted the revisions that were made after the last meeting at the commissions request. E and S Measures were clarified on the plans, as well as a post construction detention basin plan and landscaping plan. Shrubs were added around the basin as well as a wetland conservation mix inside of the basin. Commission requested that native trees be added to the slope for more temperature control, as well as a mowing and maintenance plan for the slope area. Commissioner S. Botta made a motion to approve the application with the Possible Conditions outlined in the staff report for the meeting dated 10/24/24, with the addition of modifying condition #2 to include the addition of trees to the slope and monitoring of trees to item #4, along with the standard conditions and general provisions of all permits. Commissioner Ormrod seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) IW#24.10.01 | 1-139 Baypath Way - Island View Condos | replacement of a PVC drainage pipe with a concrete drainage pipe-Applicant Lawrence Marcik, PE, from Design Earth Technologies presented the plan to the commission. Plan calls for a replacement of HDPE pipe with a concrete pipe of the same diameter. Pieces of broken plastic pipe were found at the outlet, and when the pipe was scoped, a lot of the existing pipe was damaged, hence the need to replace with something stronger. Work will be done in sections, starting at the bottom and working upwards towards the parking lot. Upon inspection of the outlet, it was evident that the grouted rip rap also needs some repair as there are signs of erosion adjacent to the outlet. All work to be completed when conditions are dry. There was discussion from the commission about the removal of trees/vegetation from the slope about the outlet and whether they should be replaced. However, Mr. Marcik explained that it is actually detrimental to have trees planted near the pipes as the root systems can cause damage to the drainage pipe. There was also concern about the potential for invasives to move

in now that the area is getting more sunlight. Commissioner S. Botta made a motion to approve the application, with the possible conditions outlined in the Staff report dated for the meeting of October 24, 2024, with the addition of Condition #6 that the site will be monitored for invasives for 3 years with a report sent yearly to the Inland Wetlands office and #7 Riprap replacement is to be conducted when its dry, along with the standard conditions and general provisions of all permits. Commissioner D. Goclowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3) ENFORCEMENT:

- a) CC#24.09.01 & NOV | 9 High Plains Rd & 40 Hickory Hill La | regrading resulting in sedimentation of the pond located on property known as 40 Hickory Hill Lane
  - i) Continuation of Show cause hearing-Wetland Scientist George Logan indicated that he did not have any additional information on the flocculant, and he had been waiting for a larger rainstorm to see the flow between the 2 ponds, but unfortunately there hasn't been any rain. He did observe that the pipe between the ponds is relatively small, and therefore they don't want to add too much flocculant and block the flow of water into the pipe. Hearing was continued to November 14, 2024, when the commission will hopefully receive information about the amount and placement of flocculant will be available.
- b) CC#24.09.02 | 170-182 Leetes Island Rd | clearing and earth disturbance without a permit
  - i) Continuation of Show cause hearing-Wetland Scientist George Logan went out to the site and did a wetland delineation and site assessment. He found that approximately 8000 sq ft of wetlands were disturbed with the placement of rock (mainly Stony Creek Granite), as well as additional disturbance in the upland area. Property owner Richard Onofrio again stated the intent to use the site for maple sap harvesting but does not currently have a plan for the commission. He also stated that a lot of the rocks were "already on site" and he didn't bring in much additional material. Commission stated that they would like to see a plan for the site to be able to determine whether what is being proposed would be exempt as-of-right for agricultural purposes and would also like to know where on site fill was placed as part of the plan. Attorney Janet Brooks for the property owner requested more information on what they are looking for in terms of submitting the jurisdictional ruling request and whether they needed a survey. Commission determined that at this point, the wetland delineation and approximate limit of stone can be done via GPS mapping and relating that information to the survey that was completed in 2016 and is on file in the Town Clerks office. Hearing was continued to the December 12, 2024, meeting with requested materials to be provided a week prior to the meeting, or earlier if available.
- c) CC#24.09.03 | 20 Huntington Dr | grading and vegetation removal (understory) within 100' of a wetland
  - i) Continuation of show cause hearing-IW Agent J. Frederick stated that the site had been seeded although there isn't any germination currently. Silt fence repairs are needed and silt fence needs to be removed from trees and staked appropriately in the ground to prevent damage to the trees. Continued to April 10, 2025, to see if 85% germination has been achieved on site.
- d) CC#24.05.01 | 90 Red Hill Rd | vegetation removal

- i) Show cause hearing – status update-Property owner Christopher Parrish stated that he had to hire a new scientist as he has not heard from the one initially hired. The new firm should be out soon, and they will develop a plan with the intent on planting in the spring. Hearing continued to January 23, 2025, to give the property owner time to meet with his professionals and get a plan in place.

4) **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:** None

5) **AGENT APPROVALS:**

- a) IW#24.10.02 | 20 Huntington Drive | clearing, grading and replanting
- b) IW#24.10.03 | 124 So Montowese St, Unit 19 | Installation of push piers for foundation support of existing garage

6) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) IW#22.07.05 | 175 Cherry Hill Rd | 11 lot subdivision
  - i) Request to modify permit – stormwater management- IW Agent J. Frederick informed the commission that she was unsure whether the commission would want to review this as a modification and inquired whether they felt it was appropriate for an agent review. Representative for the applicant Zachary Georgina reviewed the plans with the commission. The contractor did not construct the detention basin correctly, and so this revision is in response to that. Adjustments need to be made in order for the detention basin that was built to function as intended. IW Agent J. Frederick indicated that she would want to see some modifications to the plan.

Commissioner S. Botta left the meeting at 9:45 pm.

After discussion with the commission, it was determined the modification could be reviewed by IW Agent as it poses no risk to wetland areas.

7) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 8) **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm by Chairman P. Bassermann

Respectfully Submitted,

Katy Blanchette