



Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Thursday, February 27, 2025 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: New Commissioner-Commissioner Rachel Mirsky was introduced as the new Inland Wetlands Commissioner, and after a brief introduction, roll call was held. Present were: Chairman P. Bassermann, Commissioners D. Gocłowski, C. Begemann, M. Papantones, R. Mirsky and J. Meinsen. Also present was IW Staff J. Frederick and K. Blanchette

1) MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

- a) February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes-Commissioner D. Gocłowski made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13. Commissioner J. Meinsen seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0-1) Commissioner R. Mirsky abstained
- b) February 24, 2025 Site Walk Minutes-Commissioner C. Begemann made a motion to approve the minutes from the Site Walk on February 24. Commissioner M. Papantones seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0-2) Commissioners R. Mirsky and J. Meinsen abstained

2) APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

- a) IW#25.01.01 | 19-37 Gould Lane | Proposed Subdivision for 3 Residential Lots- The site walk was completed on the 24th and IW Agent J. Frederick indicated that it might be prudent to schedule a public hearing and reviewed the criteria for when a public hearing should be held. Ronald Wassmer, PE was present for the applicant, and explained the proposed project is for a 3 lot residential subdivision, and 1 lot donated to the land trust (total of 4 lots). Majority of the site is gentle to moderate slope currently, and not a lot of grading is required for the site to be developed. Each residential lot will have public water and sewers, with stormwater management being handled by galleries. Plans call for a split rail fence 15 ft from the limits of wetlands as well as cedar posts with signs indicating a wetland area. Proposed mitigation is to provide habitat within the understory on the site. As there was public interest in the application indicated by the presence of members of the public at the site walk, as well as telephone inquiries, the commission considered scheduling a public hearing on the application. Chairman P. Bassermann made a motion to set the public hearing for March 27 2025. Commissioner C. Begemann seconded the motion. Commission discussed whether the hearing should be held in person or remotely. Commission determined that remote was preferable. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0). Public hearing to be held March 27, 2025 at 7 pm via Zoom. Commission discussed whether a 3rd party review would be required for this application, and given that there are no proposed direct wetland impacts, they did not feel a 3rd party review was warranted at this time. Commissioner C. Begemann also questioned whether plans should be outlined as to how they will remove the debris from the site, such as the abandoned car and concrete pipes.

b) IW#25.02.01 | 301 Maple St | Renovations to yard space within 100' of watercourse-IW Agent J. Frederick gave an overview of the history of the site and that the application was in response to a violation in which there was vegetation removal within 100' of the watercourse without a permit. A lot of understory has been removed/cleared within the review area. They have since spread hay and installed a silt fence to prevent erosion. Silt fence is not currently toed in due to the ground being frozen. According to Jim Gavigan, PE from Nafis and Young, the rear area was very overgrown, and the understory was removed, however the mature trees are still present and the silt fence was put up. The only additional work proposed is to install a fence for safety in the rear yard above the watercourse. IW Agent J. Frederick displayed photos to the commission of the current status of the banks of the watercourse, and it was determined that a site walk was needed. Commission also requested the wall needs to be examined by a structural engineer, as there is concern by the commission that the bank could collapse due to work being done at the top of the slope. A site walk was scheduled for March 12, 2025 at 5 pm.

3) **ENFORCEMENT:**

a) Notice of Violation | 301 Maple St | removal of vegetation without a permit-Tabled discussion to the March 13 meeting

4) **APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:** none

5) **AGENT APPROVALS:** none

6) **OTHER BUSINESS:** none

7) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Reminder, CAWS meeting on 3/5**

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Blanchette