



Town of Woodbury
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
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MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM – Shove Building, 281 Main St. South, Woodbury, CT 06798

MEMBERS PRESENT

Earl Gillette, Alternate
Michael McAloon, Alternate
Marty Newell
Don Richards, Alternate
Kyle Turoczi
Mary Tyrrell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wes Clow
Ernest Werner

NOTED OTHERS PRESENT – George Johannesen and a reporter from *Voices*

OPENING OF MEETING

- Call to Order – Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.
- Seating of Members / Alternates – Seated for the meeting were members Turoczi, Tyrrell, Newell and alternates Gillette and Richards
- Conflict of Interest Reminder (CGS §8-11 & Woodbury Town Charter Section 901)

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW APPLICATIONS - None

PENDING APPLICATIONS / DELIBERATIONS

22-IW-00 – Minortown Road / Map 25, Lot 2C-2 / OS-60

Removal of Japanese Knotweed Infestation / Town of Woodbury – Conservation Commission
This application has been withdrawn.

22-IW-0022 – 146 South Pomperaug Avenue / Map 102, Lot 1 / MQ District

Proposed rear building addition and conversion of partial existing motel into new restaurant use, including new septic, enlarged parking lot and associated site improvements. Rocky River, LLC (applicant/owner).

Copies of documents and meeting audio are available at the Land Use Office

George Johannesen was present for the application. Revised plans were received as well as an email from Joe Kmetz (Health Department) with one issue with the plan, which noted the incorrect number of seats at the bar (it should be 21). A deep pit test will need to be done at the north side of the proposed system area and this proposal will need to be sent to the state Health Department for review.

Mr. Johannesen noted the changes made to the plans based on comments and concerns from the Agency. A plunge pool was added with rip rap. DOT will be adding rip rap where the pipe comes out which will help reinforce the head wall. Extensive buffer plantings were noted on the plans. A storm hydro separator which was asked for by the Zoning Commission has been added. Rain gardens are being used. Plantings will be native species. The dumpster could not be moved to a location requested by the Agency; however, it will be moved behind the loading zone with buffer plantings between it and the wetlands. It will be placed on a concrete slab sloped for runoff to go to the grass.

It was noted parking did not change and is based on patron area. The planting plan was reviewed with the Agency. It was noted the rain garden can hold up to a 25-year storm without release. Maintenance was discussed. It was suggested there be a schedule to check every 6 months and a yearly clean out. Frequency of maintenance should be included in the approval conditions. How the grease trap worked was discussed. It was questioned if the arborvitae could be replaced with something that would not be so attractive to the deer. Holly or spruce were suggested alternatives.

A draft motion was requested for the next meeting with conditions to include clean out and timing for maintenance checks.

ENFORCEMENT & WETLANDS UPDATE

21-ENF-0001 – 93 Weekepeemee Road / Map 40 / Lot 48 / McGovern

NV Clearing, Excavating & Grading within a regulated area

Chairman Tyrrell noted there was a site walk held describing what the Agency members saw and providing photographs of the walk. The sluiceway and berm areas were inspected to see what had been removed and what had been reestablished since. Chairman Tyrrell noted that there was additional recent site activity including a significant pile of debris that appeared pushed over the edge of the embankment also within a regulated area. The applicant's soil scientist confirmed that this activity was near the wetlands at the toe of the slope. Tread marks and significant (approximately 20 ft. x 30 ft.) debris piles are new issues adding to the original violation. It appears to be stuff accumulated from the site. Mr. McGovern stated during the walk that his brother was responsible for this, trying to clean up the site. Logs stored up by the vineyard will be used for firewood.

Mr. Zissu has indicated he wants to remediate the area by planting trees. Chairman Tyrrell noted that violations are issued to the property owner, not necessarily the one who did the work. In this case, it appears Mr. McGovern had actually done site work outside his property boundary. A letter had been received noting Mr. Zissu's desire to get permission to plant the trees. It was noted that equipment use would be difficult, planting would have to be done by hand. This would be a jurisdictional approval. It was suggested that Mr. Zissu could apply, noting that he understands the activity was done in violation and it was his position the neighbor did it on his property and wants to do the remediation to get it fixed. This is complicated as it is currently an enforcement issue that is being dealt with legally. The Agency will need to consult with the town attorney to approve any activity associated with these two properties. It was noted that they are running out of time to get planting completed this in the Fall.

Chairman Tyrrell noted an area where knife pieces were on top of the soil, indicating recent activity, these wouldn't ordinarily be laying on top of the ground. This particular area needs to be stabilized with silt fencing.

Planner Agresta requested that the expanded activities be submitted in writing to pass onto the Town Attorney.

Members requested updates on a few previous approvals:

It was noted that there was a response from:

- 575 Washington Road that they are working on final removal of a log pile.
- 614 Main Street South (Dollar General), Town Planner Agresta had reached out since the last meeting, however, has not heard back.
- 185 Saw Pit Hill Road supplied an update on the planting status along with photos, which were reviewed by the Agency.
- 877 Washington Road – there has not been any permits issued for the addition at this time.
- Minortown Road – Chairman Tyrrell indicated a driveway being installed on Minortown Road. This property has wetlands, and this should be inspected.

MINUTES - Meeting Minutes – 10/11/22

MOTION:

To accept the minutes (of 10/11/22) as provided.

Made by GILLETTE, Seconded by TUROCZI

Vote: 4-0-1 – Approved – Motion Passed

Ayes Tyrrell, Turoczi, Gillette, Richards

Nays None

Abstain Newell (due to absence at that meeting)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email dated October 18, 2022, from Robert Tiettenen/575 Washington Road regarding permit status
- Email dated October 20, 2022, and photos from Missy Santos/185 Saw Pit Hill Road regarding status of remediation plantings.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

To adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.
Made by **NEWELL** with no objections.

Filed Subject to Approval

Respectfully Submitted
Anne Firlings
Anne Firlings, Clerk

RECEIVED & FILED
IN WOODBURY, CT
This 27 day of Oct 2022
at 8:00 o'clock A M
Maria Mercier
Clerk