



Town of Woodbury

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2024 – 7:30 PM

Senior / Community Center - 265 Main Street South, Woodbury, CT 06798

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Tyrrell, Chair
Kyle Turoczi, Secretary
Don Richards
Earl Gillette, Alternate
Timothy Pabst, Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marty Newell, Vice Chair
Ernest Werner
Michael McAloon, Alternate

NOTED OTHERS PRESENT – Planner Agresta (Town Planner), Jami Gore (Parks & Recreation Director), Carol Haskins (PRWC Exec. Director), other interested parties, and a member of the press.

OPENING OF MEETING

- Call to Order – The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.
- Seating of Members / Alternates – Seated for the meeting were Members Tyrrell, Turoczi, Richards, and Alternates Gillette and Pabst.
Note: Member Newell was called away to an emergency EMT call prior to the meeting start.
- Conflict of Interest Reminder (CGS §8-11 & Woodbury Town Charter Section 901)

PENDING APPLICATIONS / DELIBERATIONS (as deemed ready)

24-IW-0004 – 64 Westwood Road / Map 38, Lot 54-1 / R-40 District/ Town of Woodbury (applicant/owner)/ Three Rivers Park – Restoration of river-bank storm erosion.

The Agency reviewed plans prepared by Trout Scapes on behalf of the town. P&R Director Jami Gore supplied copies of work quotes from Trout Scapes and Rocky Ridge (contractor). She confirmed that the costs could be covered. Basically, the plan is to pull the tree that is in the river over to the bank, anchor it with boulders, reestablish and stabilize the bank with matting and coir logs at the toe of slope and fill the toe of slope with natural gravel/cobbles.

Commissioner Turoczi recommended sooner than later; the willows are flowering already, he said. PRWC Director Carol Haskins commented this is consistent with the original plan, and the addition of toe of slope boulders is a good one. Chair Tyrrell warned of the need to push the trail away from the work. Planner Agresta confirmed gravel/cobble will be locally sourced from Rocky Ridge, quantities for boulders listed as 5-8, and no quantities listed for gravel/cobble. Permit needs from DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers still needs to be determined. Carol Haskins will provide DEEP permitting contact information. The Agency having no additional questions at this time requested that a draft approval be prepared for the next meeting.

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

24-IW-0007 – 814 Washington Road / Map 56, Lot 16B / OS-100 District/Woodbury's Hidden Paradise, LLC (owner/applicant)/ Regrade hillside to eliminate former tubing runs.

The project engineer described the proposed regrading plans for eliminating the former tubing runs on the hillside. The work would be phased.

Chair Tyrrell suggested that there be extra erosion control materials maintained on hand (will possibly be made a condition). It was also noted that the seed mix specification be required to ensure avoidance of non-native species. Chair Tyrrell inquired how the land would be managed post regrading (as a meadow or would it allowed to revert with secondary woody species growth). Also, it was noted that the plans should be clear as to what needs to be completed (and inspected) before moving on to the next phase. Chair Tyrrell commented that an inspection schedule will need to be followed and coordinated with the Land Use office. Also, during regrading site wetlands need to be appropriately cordoned off and protected. Staff was directed to prepare a draft approval for the next meeting.

NEW APPLICATIONS

24-IW-0008 – 63 Mill Road / Map 10, Lot 45A-2 / OS-60 District/ Jamie Rogers (owner/applicant)/ Installation of an inground pool measuring 512 sf (16 ft x 32 ft)

Jamie Rogers (owner) summarized the plans contents (pool, patio, fencing, filter equipment, proximity to wetlands, construction staging). Commissioner Turoczi asked about the status of the prior required landscape berm and noted it should also help the protect the wetlands from the current activity. The owner said the berm was doing well. Staff was directed to prepare a draft approval for the next meeting.

24-IW-0009 – 102 Joshua Hill Road / Map 21, Lot 4-2 / OS-60 District/ Allison K. Kirby (owner/applicant)/ Remove existing deck and replace with new deck measuring 320 sf (16 ft x 20 ft) plus stairs on either end of new deck; install six (6) new 10- inch (diam.) sonotube footings

The property owners presented, and it was confirmed that the plan calls for eight (not six) foundation piers (Sonotubes), which will be installed by hand. Excavated material from the foundation holes will be hand graded beneath the deck. Erosion should not be a concern but if it is a silt fence could be installed. Staff was directed to prepare a draft approval for the next meeting.

24-IW-0010 – Chohees Trail / Map 044, Lots 18 & 18B / OS-100 District/ Scott Pustola (owner/applicant Lot 18B) – TRP Farms LLC (owner Lot 18 – easement over)/ Wetland driveway crossing improvements within access easement on Lot 18 associated with access to new Single-Family Dwelling on Lot 18B.

Commissioner Pabst recused himself and left the room, being unseated.

Mr. Pustola (owner) and Sean Quinlan from Civil 1 summarized the conditions of the subject lots and the proposed driveway crossing. The existing gravel driveway would be widened to 14 feet and the existing crossing would also be minimally widened with added fill in the wetlands (approximately 75 cubic yards). Overall disturbances were approximately 1.5 acres of upland and <0.5 acres of wetlands. The driveway is in support of the construction of a new single-family dwelling, garage, pool, and other improvements planned, all of which are outside of the regulated area. Included in the plans are stormwater and erosion controls, as well as a maintenance schedule. Infiltration trenches are proposed along the sides of the driveway to mitigate water runoff from the driveway, as well as temporary water bars and silt fencing. Members may individually arrange to walk the property. Staff was directed to prepare a draft approval for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pabst rejoined and was reseated.

ENFORCEMENT & WETLANDS UPDATE

23-ENF-IW05 – 57 Lake Road / Map 77, Lot 3 & 7 / OS-60 / Robert Taggett/ Unauthorized driveway installation
In appeal.

23-ENF-IW06 – 13 Edward Avenue / Map 77, Lot 4-26, 27 & 2 / OS-60 / Frances M. Palomba/ Unauthorized driveway installation
In appeal.

23-ENF-0002 – 197 Minortown Road / Map 25, Lot 2A-2 / OS-60 District / Michelle Fusco
The Town Attorney will report at the April meeting in executive session.

Chohees Trail / Map 44, Lot 18 / OS-100 District / TRP Farms, LLC/ Tree Cutting, Deposition of Materials and Excavation within a regulated area
The Agency reviewed the letter as requested from the DPW Director. The Agency agreed this item may be closed.

43 Hollow Road / Map 36, Lot 68A & Map 103, Lot 13 / R-40 & OS-80 Districts / Town of Woodbury/ Tree and scrub vegetation cutting within a regulated area (Hollow Park / Pomperaug River)
P&R should bring this item forward now that spring is approaching.

18-IW-1621 – 614 Main Street South / Map 102, Lot 25 / MQ District / Napoli Woodbury LLC/ IWWA Review of Constructed Site Conditions / Bond Status – Dollar General
No expectation that they will be heard from.

Chair Tyrrell hearing no objections moved Privilege of the Floor up on the agenda.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (occurred earlier to accommodate audience members)

PRWC Director, Carol Haskins, offered a brief PSA regarding her River Smart Guide, recently printed, and mailed out. It is also available at the Land Use Office. This Wednesday at 9:00 am in the Shove conference room, there will be an approximately one-hour presentation on the Road Stream Crossing work completed by PRWC. All are welcome to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- **Regular Meeting Minutes – 02/26/24**

MOTION: To approve the regular meeting minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2024, as presented.

Made by **GILLETTE**, Seconded by **TUROCZI**

Vote: 5-0-0 – **Approved** – Motion Passed

Aye	Tyrrell, Turoczi, Richards, Gillette, Pabst
Nay	None
Abstain	None

- **Regulation Review**

Discussion was deferred until more members could be present. Planner Agresta advised the Agency that the Finance Board has requested that all departments charging fees should review their fee schedules and consider raising fees – which have gone unchanged, in some cases, for many years.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

To adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.
Made by GILLETTE with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Carlton
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Substitute Clerk

IN WOODSBURY, CT
This 14th day of Mar 2024
at 8:02 o'clock A M
Maria M. Mercuri
Town Clerk