



TOWN OF WOODBURY
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
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VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wes Clow
Marty Newell
Kyle Turoczi
Mary Tyrrell
Ernest Werner

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Evan Hard
Don Richards

ALSO PRESENT: Maryellen Edwards (Town Planner), Dylan Willette (Land Use Enforcement Officer), Ron Wolff, Lee Fisher, Brian Flanagan, Kenneth Tamborra, Richard Warren, and other interested members of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. Seated for the meeting were regular members Clow, Newell, Turoczi, Tyrrell and Werner. Members were reminded of the Conflict of Interest Statutes and the Town Charter.

PENDING APPLICATIONS

21-IW-2104 / Longo / Hurds Hill Road / Perform Grading, Install Well, Construct Portion of Single-Family Home and Driveway within a Regulated Area / Map 002 / Lot 007-2

Ron Wolff was present. There was no new information to submit. The site walk was rescheduled to Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

NEW APPLICATIONS

21-IW-2106 / Fisher / 355 Hoop Pole Hill Road / Request for Jurisdictional Ruling to Remove Trees within a Regulated Area / Map 068 / Lot 024-2

Mr. Fisher was present for the request. He explained that there are ash trees dying on his property. He is having those removed as well as clearing up the property while he was at it. Chairman Clow stated that he drove by the property and saw the damaged trees and the work being done. The activity is taking place close to an intermittent watercourse. It was noted that the stumps and crowns of the trees would remain to stabilize the ground. Section 4.1 (d) of the regulations was noted, members agreeing that this is maintenance of a residential property and if the stumps are remaining this should be fine and there is no apparent impact to the wetlands. Maryellen Edwards noted that a motion would need to be made that this falls under the “as of right” category.

MOTION:

That this falls under the as of right category.

Made by Member Newell, Seconded by Member Turoczi
(no vote)

Member Tyrrell noted that this would require a “worded motion,” and suggested the following:

MOTION:

That the Inland Wetlands Agency approves this application for permitted as of right for the removal of trees

along an intermittent watercourse and that the trees will remain as well as all the stumps and the slash can be put together in a way that it can harbor wildlife. The wetlands agency has no problem with it.

Made by Member Newell, Seconded by Member Werner
Vote: 5-0-0 in favor

21-IW-2107 / Flanagan / 27 Minortown Road / Installation of 10' x 16' Shed within a Regulated Area / Map 023 / Lot 020

Brian Flanagan was present for the application. He is looking to install a 10' x 16' shed on the Northwest corner of his property. He described the location to be the farthest possible place to put the structure without risking any erosion. It is 92' from the wetlands to the closest corner to where the shed would be. It was confirmed this is a new structure. The wetlands were described as an unnamed tributary, a brook that runs under the road near the entrance of the High School. The location of the shed sits at the highest point of the hilltop. The gradient pitches away from the wetlands and any additional runoff would go away from the wetlands. There will not be any excavating, the base will be 4" of semi-compacted #3 gravel. The area of the shed is staked out as is the wetlands. Alternate Hard confirmed this activity is 92' from the wetlands, he's bringing in 3 yards of materials and saw little to no impact to the resource and pointed out that moving it would have more impact, this is the safest place to put the shed. Base gravel is being used, there's no toxicity. It was suggested that the new Land Use Enforcement Officer view the site and take pictures. Mr. Flanagan would like to be present if anyone comes out to the sight so he can explain it.

21-IW-2108 / Tamborra Pool, Path & Patio, LLC / 364 Hoop Pole Hill Road / Build 16' x 32' Inground Pool with Deck & Fence / Map 068 / Lot 010

Ken Tamborra was present for the application. They are looking to install an inground pool. The entire pool, deck, fence, and filter pad will all be contained on the existing lawn. It is 60' to the wetlands area. There will be no impact to the wetlands, silt fence will be installed between the construction area and the wetlands. Construction equipment will come in from the driveway to the backyard, not disturbing any of the wetlands. A cartridge filter system will be used. There is no standing water, no pond or stream. Mr. Tamborra believed the wetland area was obscured by forestry. He felt the wetlands were based on soil type and plant type. The owner has told him that there is a stream at the far corner of the property, about 150' away. Chairman Clow was familiar with the property and noted it tends to be wet. He questioned the soil stockpiles on the plans. Mr. Tamborra explained that what he was looking at was a copy of the original plan for the house, the stockpiles associated with the pool would not be in the front yard. What they are constructing is a small shallow depth pool, there will not be a large stockpile. What does accumulate will be near the pool, in the yard and will have silt fencing. It was clarified that any excess material will be hauled away off the property. Member Turoczi noted that the contours show there will be no impact, they run away from the wetlands. A draft motion was requested for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

O&G Industries, Inc. / Park Road Quarry / Pre-Application Review Phased Mining & Reclamation Plans / Map 088 / Lot 005

Richard Warren of O&G Industries, Inc. was present. The site walk was rescheduled for Sunday March 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Members will meet at the scale house on Bacon Pond Road.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ENFORCEMENT & WETLANDS UPDATE

21-ENF-0001 / McGovern / 93 Weekepeemee Road / NPV Clearing, Excavating & Grading within a Regulated Area / Map 040 / Lot 048

It was confirmed that nothing has been received from the property owner since the last meeting. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – 2/22/21

MOTION:

To approve the minutes (*of the 2/22/21 meeting*) as submitted.

Made by Member Tyrrell, Seconded by Member Turoczi

Vote: 5-0-0 in favor

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Member Werner stated that, although he didn't feel that he had a conflict, he would recuse himself from the McGovern item.

Member Tyrrell noted clearing and spreading of materials at the Hidden Acorn on Route 47 and questioned how they could educate the public about wetlands regulations.

Member Turoczi questioned Chairman Clow if he and Member Tyrrell were together at the meeting. Chairman Clow explained that he was having internet issues so decided he would get together with Member Tyrrell.

Member Tyrrell noted that they were sitting socially distanced with masks on.

The new Land Use Enforcement Officer, Dylan Willette was introduced.

Member Turoczi offered to meet up with Mr. Flanagan to look at his shed location, as he mentioned that he may need to take time off from work.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

To adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Made by Member Newell, Seconded by Member Turoczi

Filed subject to approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Firlings

Anne Firlings, Clerk

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency

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IN WOODBURY, CT
This 10th day of March 2021
at 9:55 o'clock A M
Jack O'Carroll
Town Clerk