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TOWN OF WOODBURY
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2021 – 7:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wes Clow
Marty Newell
Kyle Turoczi
Mary Tyrrell
Ernest Werner

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Earl Gillette
Evan Hard
Don Richards

Also present: SLR Town liaison engineer Shelley Plude, Dept. of Public Works Director Rich Lamothe, and substitute clerk Deb Carlton

Regular Meeting

Meeting convened at 7:35 pm. Regular members Clow, Newell, Turoczi, Tyrrell and Werner were seated. Alternates Gillette, Hard and Richards were recognized. Members were reminded of Conflict-of-Interest statutes and Town Charter.

PENDING APPLICATIONS

21-IW-2116 / McClintock / 237 Washington Road / Replace Existing Deteriorated Barn and Add Temporary Shed / Map 039 / Lot 004 / DD: 9/12/21 (*Extension request of additional 30 days received*)

Initially tabled and then addressed:

It was noted there is no longer a temporary shed as part of this application. New drawings have been received, design changes, but the summary engineering report that Ms. Tyrrell requested has not been received. This is the last night for this application, she said, and she's not sure it can be approved. For lack of detail, Mr. Clow, Ms. Hard and Mr. Gillette were in agreement. There are no measurements, and no engineering approval. Mr. Richards was not satisfied with the foundation; it's a frost foundation and not deep enough. Ms. Newell also needs more information. Mr. Turoczi also wants a signed, stamped engineering report; if he has to vote tonight, his vote is no. Mr. Werner saw issue with delaying until a next meeting, particularly if the 9/13 meeting is canceled.

Ms. Newell entered: *MOVE to deny application 21-IW-2116 for lack of information.* Second by Mr. Clow. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1** with Mr. Clow, Ms. Newell, Mr. Turoczi and Ms. Tyrrell voting yes, and Mr. Werner abstaining.

NEW APPLICATIONS

21-IW-2126 / Town of Woodbury (owner/applicant), SLR International Corporation (agent) / Preservation of Bridges 05062, 05066 & 05067 Consisting of Minor Roadway Reconstruction, Structural Maintenance & Preservation Work to Address Deficiencies Identified by the Bridge Inspection Report / Three Bridges (1) Jack's Bridge over Weekepeemee River, 64 Westwood Rd (Map 038/Lot 054), (2)

Minortown Road Extension over Nonnewaug River, 21 Minortown Road Extension (Map 025/Lot 029), (3) Pomperaug Road over Pomperaug River, 47 & 29 Pomperaug Road (Map 034/Lots 005 & 005A)

21-IW-2126 / Town of Woodbury (owner/applicant), SLR International Corporation (agent) / Preservation of Bridge 05061 Consisting of Minor Roadway Reconstruction, Structural Maintenance and Preservation Work to Address Deficiencies Identified by the Bridge Inspection Report / Judson Avenue, Riverview Lane, and 64 Westwood Road (Maps 036, 038 / Lots 48A, 055G, 054)

Ms. Plude explained the intention of the four-bridge preservation project, 80% reimbursable through the Federal government, is to repair structural deficiencies as opposed to total replacement. She addressed each bridge separately, beginning with Judson Avenue. At that site, there will be work done to stabilize abutments and slopes, and spot replace crumbling concrete. The temporary watercourse impacts were discussed. There is no permanent impact.

Total time estimate for the 4 bridges is about 2 months. Temporary road closures of not more than a couple of weeks was discussed.

The question was raised: if we know that water flow constricts at the bridge, why not address that instead of just maintaining conditions already present. Ms. Plude explained that funding through this program did not cover replacements or extensive reconstructions. No alterations are being made as prescribed by the program. These projects would not be eligible for reimbursement if they were replacement projects. It would all be Town funded.

Mr. Lamothe added that when the Federal funding program started, the Town jumped right on because we saw it as a good way to preserve our bridges. We are rehabbing them, but by today's standards.

Ms. Tyrrell requested water discharge numbers to show where water will go when diverted. Ms. Plude will get that information for her. High water marks were noted for possible impact. Riprapping the erodible soil was discussed. Wetlands flags have been done.

Mr. Lamothe offered to meet anyone down there who has questions. The project should begin in spring of 2022.

Jack's Bridge work will have no direct impacts on wetlands or watercourses, Ms. Plude said. This project includes mostly structural repairs. There are no drainage issues.

Minortown Road will involve a waterproof membrane, crack repairs, and some screening for property owners. The abutments are good, guiderails on approaches will be replaced, there will be safety upgrades and limited reconstruction.

Pomperaug Road will involve sandblasting the existing bridge rail – which contains lead. That area will be contained during this process. Beams will be spot treated, deck repaired, pavement stripped, joints replaced, repair pavement issues, stabilize riprap and retention the guide rail on the dam side.

Due to erosion from people walking down the hill to fish, the question was asked whether steps could be installed as part of the project. Ms. Plude pointed out that, while it is evident people walk down that way, there is a sign stating, "no fishing."

Members were asked to submit questions for Ms. Plude to the Land Use office to be addressed at the next meeting.

While Mr. Lamothe was present, commissioners took the opportunity to ask him about Tuttle Road. It appeared as though the solution to the water issue on the two adjacent properties had been made worse by Mr. Lamothe's actions. He was able to explain that the pipe had been removed; however, he had to cross the road to do that because he would have been digging too close to phone poles otherwise. He did what he was asked to do. The amount of standing water right now likely has to do with the excessive amount

of rain received in the past 2 weeks. Ms. Hard understood and thanked him for resolving the issue so quickly.

ENFORCEMENT & WETLANDS UPDATE

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

Mr. Werner recused himself from this discussion and left the meeting.

Mr. Richards was seated in his place.

There was no update on this issue because the letter has not gone out; the attorney did not get the work done. Resignations of staff and other factors have been holding things up, Ms. Tyrrell explained. She requested the clerk ask the First Selectman about the letter, why there is a hold up, and to remind everyone of the 10/15/2021 deadline for work to be completed.

21-ENF-0004 / North / 148 Tuttle Road / NV Grading Activities within a Regulated Area and Diversion of Water Toward the Adjacent Property Leading to Sedimentation & Silt Accumulating in an Existing Wetland / Map 021 / Lot 028-3

Enforcement letter was sent. Resident has 30 days to stabilize the area and fill the trench.

21-ENF-0007 / Foger / 39 Quanopaug Trail / NPV Clearing, Filling and Grading within a Regulated Area / Map 025 / Lot 014-1

Nothing is available tonight on this issue; a plan is in the works, and time is running out on this one, too.

Man-Made Dam Located in River Below Bridge in the Vicinity of 53 and 62 Bethlehem Road

There was no new information on this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

The commission was in agreement to cancel the 9/13/2021 meeting due to scheduling conflicts caused by the Republican primary.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Fusco family was received; they are starting on a pool on 8/16/21.

Commissioners each received copies of the POCD implementation summary for review.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Newell noted an application from Mike Morrison that was faxed to her; its' an application for a shed and parking for tractors. This was just an FYI.

Ms. Hard expressed interest in starting meetings at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm, which makes for a later evening for those with family and other obligations. After brief discussion, the agency decided to entertain this idea for the next calendar year, as this year's meeting schedule has already been submitted.

Ms. Hard was also interested in some way to convey to Anne Firlings how much the agency appreciates her holding down the fort currently, in the absence of other staff in the Land Use office. Perhaps buying her lunch, or providing a gift card, would show their thanks and appreciation. Mr. Gillette agreed it was a nice idea. No decisions were made on this idea, however.

There was discussion between Mr. Gillette and Mr. Turoczi about walking the Stomski park area.

Mr. Turoczi spoke about the benefits of rain gardens. He feels the agency should encourage their use whenever possible, because they work.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Turoczi entered a *motion to accept the minutes of the 8/9/2021 meeting as presented*. Seconded by Ms. Newell, the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Newell entered a *motion to adjourn*.

The meeting of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Deb Carlton
Substitute Clerk

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Janice O. Cook
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