



Woodstock
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
Meeting Minutes
Monday – April 1, 2024
held virtually via Zoom

The IWWA meetings will be conducted via Zoom until further notice. Public sign-in instructions can be found on the town website, woodstockct.gov prior to the meeting time. Documents for the meeting can be found on the website under the IWWA tab.

I. The call to order by Chair Willaim Rewinski was at 7:04 PM with a quorum in attendance.

II. Member Roll Call: William Rewinski, Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Stuart Peaslee.
Wetlands Agent Dan Malo, Acting Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

III. Appointment of Alternates (if necessary): N/A

IV. Action on minutes of previous meeting:

Motion M. Parker seconded by S. Peaslee to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2024 with the modification of two typographical errors, for clarity, carried unanimously: # 4 - S. Peaslee and #6, c - grass strip

V. Pending Applications: None

VI. New Applications:

a. Transfer Permit 12-22-02 (MBL 5783-47-04E)/Rocky Hill Rd - Shane Pollock to Tim Osborn (present): no work has ever been initiated under the previous permit; an updated form is provided.

Motion M. Butts seconded by M. Parker to approve modification of the permit issued 12-22-02 for parcel MBL 5783-47-04E on Rocky Hill Road Transfer from Shane Pollock to Timothy and Wendy Osborn carried unanimously.

b. 03-24-08 – Barlow Cemetery Rd (MBL 6387-41-02)/M. Bartlett (in attendance)-Hull for JR Woodlot, LLC/Timber Harvest: this is a periodic harvest. A culvert is in place at one stream crossing; mats will be used at two others. Adjacent: one wetland and several verna pools, all not impacted.

Motion M. Butts seconded by S. Peaslee to approve application 03-24-08 – Barlow Cemetery Rd (MBL 6387-41-02) - M. Bartlett-Hull for JR Woodlot, LLC/Timber Harvest as a Use Permitted as of Right (Agriculture) carried unanimously.

c. 03-24-09 – Old Turnpike Rd (MBL 5124-19-17) C. Lemery (in attendance)-Hull for Douglas Builders/Timber Harvest: this selective harvest will result in habitat preservation. Near Black pond, there will be no impact, no stream crossings; established trails will be used. Loading will be roadside.

Motion M. Butts seconded by M. Parker to approve application 03-24-09 Old Turnpike Rd (MBL 5124-19-17) C. Lemery - Hull for Douglas Builders/Timber Harvest as a Use Permitted as of Right (Agriculture) carried unanimously.

d. 03-24-10 – Paine Rd (MBL 5165-8-04-7)/J. Blanchette J&D Engineering (in attendance)-Town of Woodstock/Construction of Sediment Basin. (Ron Petro, property owner and Jason Scranton, Director of DPW are present). Many detailed questions were posed and answered regarding the extreme erosion and settling of sediment, a possible impoundment and spillway, and the PDEA Sediment Basin plan.

Motion M. Butts seconded by S. Peaslee to accept application 03-24-10 - Paine Rd (MBL 516 5-8-04-7) J. Blanchette/J&D Engineering -Town of Woodstock for Construction of Sediment Basin for consideration at the next IWWA Meeting carried unanimously.

VII. Administrative Business: Chair W. Rewinski referred to the previous IWWA meeting and other pending matters requesting an update from the ZEO, who provided follow-up details of each.

a. Correspondence:

D. Malo, IWWA Agent, reviewed the town's plans for several bridge replacement projects; he will verify that all of them have IWWA approval. * State application (under DEEP control) for use of pesticides in waters in CT. The pathway from Woodstock's Gravelly Brook downstream to the Putnam public water supply was reviewed. * Discussion: A proposal for a ground-mounted solar array utilizing 14 acres of a 38-acre parcel of land at 12 Castle Rock Road will go to the Siting Council at which time the IWWA may submit advisory comments.

W. Rewinski: Discussion of the significant erosion on Woodstock's unpaved roads, following the previous presentation to the IWWA: it important that the Selectmen be advised in writing of the IWWA's concerns. Ideally, a local, collaborative training meeting can be scheduled in order to fully understand the situation and to advocate effectively for protection of the wetlands and watercourses. D. Malo will create the memo to the BOS, asking that it be on their Agenda, describing the situation, and asking for the BOS thinking about the matter and plans to address it.

b. Bylaw Review: none

c. Agent Report: D. Malo - many topics have been covered earlier tonight under Correspondence.

* An upcoming issue: revision of the Floodplain Maps by FEMA, after they complete the Shetucket River mapping, will result in a need for modifications to documents in Woodstock. A Floodplain Administrator will need to be identified; M. Butts will examine the Ordinance in that regard.

* The NECCOG-sponsored Land Use Training/Collaboration Discussion on March 18 was attended by First Selectmen Jay Swan, PZC Chair Jeff Marcott, Land Use staff Tracy Giarusso, Cameron James (NECCOG), Delia Fay (NECCOG/Woodstock Town Planner) and Dan Malo. They worked on procedural and jurisdictional issues, moving toward collegial relationships and communication.

* M. Butts asked if an IWWA approval is specified in the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and if signature block appears on the mylars for applications to the PZC. D. Malo will follow up.

* March IWWA Question: Has Windham Waterworks filed the requested paperwork with the Land Use Office? Yes, now the Land Use Office can guide applicants whose properties fall within that area. He will interact with the other Watershed companies for updated maps and application forms.

* W. Rewinski: ownership of the bed of Roseland Lake seems unknown but the watercourse feeds the Putnam water supply. Renovations to Roseland Park are being planned. D. Malo will follow up.

* The status of several continuing matters were reviewed including Mr. Bentley's property, Mr. Grenier's property (he plans a site walk), the PDEA Sediment Basin plan for Paine Road (above Agenda #VI, d) and others.

VIII. Citizens' Comments: none

IX. Adjournment:

Motion M. Parker seconded by S. Peaslee to adjourn carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM by Chair William Rewinski.

The next scheduled IWWA meeting will be on May 6.

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Respectfully submitted by Dotti Durst, Acting Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

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