

# Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency

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## REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM B

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Mark Parker called meeting to order at 7:05 pm

### 2. Roll Call

Members Present- Mark Parker, Marla Butts, William Rewinski, Stuart Peaslee (alternate)  
Others Present- Wetlands Agent Ashley Stephens, Members of the public including Nicholas & Pamela Cody, LBTD Roads Chair Ross Ellison, James Bentley, Mark Reynolds, Robert Mott and Ron Petrilack, Property Owner of 33 Hiawatha Heights, Chris Mokrzecki

### 3. Appointment of Alternates

- a. Stuart Peaslee seated

### 4. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting December 6, 2021
  - i. From the meeting minutes on December 6, 2021, the commission recommends changing the following-
    - 1. Item 5.b.ii - The submission date was 11/03/21 and the minutes should state “as amended in the 11/03/21 submission”
  - ii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to accept minutes as presented with the change under item 5.b.ii as noted above. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**

### 5. Preliminary Discussion

- a. Pamela Scheck- 1968 Rt 198- problematic source of mosquitoes
  - i. Pamela and Nicholas Cody (Scheck is maiden name) purchased property in 2008 that included small passage of water. It is now wider and holds sitting water with rotting materials. They wish to clear out the water flow area allowing for the water to flow and cutting down of sitting water that is the problematic source of mosquitoes. Pictures provided for the agency.
  - ii. Based on photography provided, the property looks to be a swamp. They had reached out to contractors and were referred to the IWWA for permission to do work before

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hiring contractors. The surrounding property has been surveyed and boundaries are recently marked but there is no survey of the property in question.

- iii. The property owners would like to create a hole in the ground that would take some of the water flowing North to South into the swamp. Any material taken from the property to create a water hole, would be pulled back on the property, spread and seeded. The property owners noted on an arial photograph where they thought to create the water hole. According to the grade of the property, the chosen location is not ideal. The property owners need to create a site plan showing what is on the property including topography and proposed changes. Environmental Conditions Online through the UCONN website and the Natural Diversity Database Maps at DEEP were suggested as tools to the property owners.
- iv. Mark Parker clarified with applicants that they wanted to clear out the existing water flow area and not dig additional location for water. He wondered if the work could be considered maintenance of property under wetlands regulations Section 4 E. Marla stated that before that decision is made, more clarification and a site plan is still needed.

### 6. Pending Applications

- a. 11-21-11- James Bentley- 33 Marcy Road – expand pond, replace culvert pipe and concrete pipes, and maintenance on stream
  - i. James Bentley would like recommendations of who to contact for the work required.
  - ii. Email was received from Highway Department Foreman, John Navarro, stating that he did visit the site to see if anything can be done by the highway department. He found it would require over 1000 feet of drainage pipe work, excavation, new aggregate and pavement to redirect water in the area in question. This high cost is not one that the town should have to incur. He also stated that the property owner created a swale at culvert site that directed water into the pond that previously would have been absorbed into ground. The doubling of the pond size has created some concerns including runoff to Bunggee lake and neighboring properties as well as the close proximity to neighboring septic system and leach field to the East. Mr. Navarro recommend hiring an engineering firm to address these issues.
  - iii. The commission recommends Mr. Bentley grant an extension of 60 days to the commission. Mr. Bentley granted the commission 60 days extension to process the application- for the record. Mr. Bentley also needs to get a permit for work that was done on the property and is recommended to contact John Navarro at the DPW for names of engineering firms that would be able to assist him.
  - iv. James Bentley is expected to attend the next meeting and update the commission of his progress.

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## 7. New Applications

- a. 12-21-14- Morris Lewis – Hemlock Dr, 34 Lot 68- new home construction
  - i. Mark Reynolds, applicant's representative, is present via phone.
  - ii. The site plan provided shows wetlands flags that need to be clarified as the wetlands flag series is not normal or logical to the commission. The site plan also shows soil classifications. There is a wetland system that runs between 2 roads that needs to be addressed. During construction, standard erosion practices will be used. There is already a storm water pipe on the property and the goal of construction is to have all disturbances as far away from the wetlands areas as possible. There will also need to be a berm to direct water above the ground around the house into the wetlands system.
  - iii. Changes in runoff levels from the work on the property should not change to any neighboring properties, only to the wetlands area. Marla requested to see the runoff calculations for this application.
  - iv. Marla wants to see this application changed from work in the upland area to individual permit due concerns stemming from the size of the lot.
  - v. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to accept application 12-21-14 for Morris Lewis.  
**\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- b. 01-22-01- Robert Mott- 19 Kathleen Drive- realignment of driveway
  - i. Robert Mott and Ron Petrilack are present for this application.
  - ii. There will be no change to the existing pipe and it appears no work will be done in wetlands area. The state highway has approved the realignment.
  - iii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** for application 01-22-01- Robert Mott- 19 Kathleen Drive- realignment of driveway be processed as Wetlands Agent Approval. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
  
- c. 01-22-02- 33 Hiawatha Heights- asphalt milling driveway for addition parking
  - i. Property Owner is present for this application. This addition to the driveway will bring the drive closer to the front door.
  - ii. The site is identified as CT 169-72-72-0011 on NECCOG records.
  - iii. The road millings will need to be rolled and the best time to do this is in the summer.
  - iv. Solitro Property Solutions will be performing the work.
  - v. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** for application 01-22-02- 33 Hiawatha Heights- asphalt milling driveway for addition parking be processed as Wetlands Agent Approval.  
**\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**

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- d. Timber Harvest Notification- Chris Mokrzecki (Chris's Loggin LLC) – 400 new Sweden Rd
  - i. Chris Mokrzecki will be using existing logging roads and there is an existing (pipe) wetlands crossing.
  - ii. Mark Parker is recusing himself of vote on this application due to neighboring properties being owned by his wife's family- for the record.
  - iii. A forester will mark property boundaries before logging begins. The plan is for harvesting of 16" or larger of selected harvest.
  - iv. Mark Parker states that the current water crossing is not on the Wentworth property. The IWWA would like to see the property boundaries flagged and trees to be harvested to be marked before operations begin.
  - v. As long as there are no new crossings and no cutting in wetlands, this application should be approved as use permitted as of right for timber harvest and will need an application number.
  - vi. Stuart Peaslee recommends noting on application that GPS technology will be used to assist in boundary location.
  - vii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to accept and approve the request for timber harvest as a use permitted as of right under agriculture for application number 01-22-03. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion carries** with Mark Parker abstaining.

### 8. Administrative Business

- a. Budget 22-23
  - i. Ashley Stephens presented budget from last FY and proposal for current budget. The memo date needs to be corrected.
  - ii. Tina Lajoie is under contractual services and now contractual budget is reduced to zero.
  - iii. From July 1<sup>st</sup> to today, the total spent was \$380
    - 1. \$326.74 on Notices
      - a. The IWWA needs to increase notices funding. The commission proposes amount of \$600 (\$300 increase). The reason for this is that IWWA has already exceeded the previous Notices funding amount in the last 6 months.
      - b. The commission discussed the need to increase fees for applicants and the process that would entail as a policy change.
    - 2. \$60 on dues and conferences
  - iv. Commission requests a total of \$2750 for the 2022-2023 Budget
  - v. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** that Mark Parker notify the First Selectman and Board of Finance that IWWA request to increase the Legal Notices funding an additional \$300 in the upcoming budget and that all other areas in the IWWA budget remain unchanged. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**

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- b. Preference for Type of Meetings
  - i. It is the desire of the commission to hold the February IWWA meeting via Zoom due to the current COVID conditions.
- c. Preference for Documents
  - i. The commission would like documents for meeting on 11" by 17" and electronic files in the future.
- d. EDC Permitting Guide
  - i. Stuart has updated the permitting guide and sent final copy to IWWA commissioners. He would like it posted for reference on the IWWA page of the Town of Woodstock website.

### 9. Citizen's Comments

- a. None

### 10. Adjournment

- a. Mark Parker made a **\*Motion** to adjourn. **\*Seconded** by Marla Butts. **The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan, Recording Secretary. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the IWWA. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.