



Woodstock Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday – June 12, 2023
held virtually via Zoom

The IWWA meetings will be conducted on 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.

The video recording of this meeting can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/l6utZzDO954>

- I. The call to order by Chair Mark Parker was at 7:13 PM (delayed by technical issues)
- II. Roll Call: Members Present- Mark Parker, Marla Butts, William Rewinski, Stuart Peaslee (alternate)
Others: Wetlands Agent Dan Malo. Members of the public/applicants. Acting Recording Secretary Dotti Durst
- III. Appointment of Alternates (if necessary): Chair M. Parker seated Alternate Stuart Peaslee
- IV. Action on minutes of previous meeting
 - a. **Motion W. Rewinski seconded by S. Peaslee to accept the minutes of the 05-01-23 Regular IWWA Meeting as presented carried unanimously.**
- V. Pending Applications:
 - a. 03-23-04 – Inground Pool and Pool Fence – 487 Route 198 – Audet Family/Vernon Pools. The application was continued awaiting a site plan drawings of silt fencing, distances and a project narrative, which have now been provided and distributed to IWWA members. Applicant, Nicole Audet was present for questions. The pool is clarified as a fiberglass drop-in, not exceeding 6 feet at any point. **Motion W. Rewinski seconded by M. Butts to approve application 03-23-04 for an Inground Pool and Pool Fence at 487 Route 198 for the Audet Family/Vernon Pools (installer) carried unanimously.**
- VI. New Applications:
 - a. 05-23-01 – Timber Harvest – 12 Corbin Road – Rhynhart/Hull Forest Products, Inc. Forester Michael Bartlett was present for any questions. An aerial map view references “restoration of a field” which he clarified as along the eastern area of the property. The work is mainly “improvement thinning.” Although some harvest areas are in wetlands, there will be no disturbance as they are very stony. **Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to approve application 05-23-01 for Timber Harvest at 12 Corbin Road for the Rhynhart family/Hull Forest Products, Inc. to handle the work carried unanimously.**
- VII. Administrative Business
 - a. Discussion of Lake View Drive Drainage Issue (continued). Owner Mr. Bentley and Dan Malo conducted a site review; Dan saw downhill seepage 100s of feet away, moving down to the road and across it to the pond. The IWWA reviewed the documents and minutes from November 11, 2011 to the present which provides context for the current situation. Dan Malo suggests waiting until next month for further discussion but encourages all members to drive past the site to make observations; some noted that they recently have. He will determine if DEEP Dam Safety needs to be involved. Ideally, Mr. Bentley will be present for the next IWWA meeting.
 - b. Update on 399 Roseland Park Road Grading: This question arose last October/November. A berm was put in but is not quite high enough; the field area is hayed by a local farmer, so trenching is not a feasible option for water control. Owner Mike Grenier was present with photos that demonstrate water approaching the corner of his home. A gradual swale is proposed, to direct the water flow away from the structure; the meadow is in a 100-year floodplain. The applicant was asked to add data to the map created by Killingly Engineering, indicating any proposed changes/soils movements and to create a site plan. The applicant will work with Dan Malo to provide the requested information.
 - c. Discussion of Application/Permit Fees: M. Butts has prepared a preliminary document sent to members in April

for review. Since then, the expenses for contractual ZEO services have risen. Thus, additional time is needed to examine the proposed fees. Since the fee schedule is embedded in the Regulations, both will need to be coordinated. S. Peaslee and other members put forward possible structural changes which could add clarity and streamline the application process from both the applicant's perspective but also in terms of the staff-time requirements. M. Butts formally suggested that the Fee Schedule be tabled until the Application form and intake process is completed. It was the consensus of the IWWA to proceed thusly.

d. Review of Updated Permit Application

d. Review of Updated Permit Application Form: Dan Malo has begun this work. Once the Application forms and process have been completed, which includes the fee schedule, a public hearing will be held followed by a town vote. Previous to that, the Regulations will need to be reviewed for statutory compliance and precise language. The IWWA will target completion of the review by the November meeting, before which all members will examine the current IWWA Regulations (Enacted in February, 2009) and propose modifications. Once a draft is ready, it will go to the DEEP for their examination.

VIII. Citizens' Comments:

- The IWWA members agreed that each member will review the current regulations and that it will be a specific agenda item for the August meeting. Each member will send suggestions to Dan Malo who will consolidate the suggestions and make the compilation available to all. October will be targeted for a final draft, with November targeted for a public hearing.
- Dan Malo noted that he probably will be unable to attend the next IWWA meeting on **JULY 10, 2023**, but will have everything ready.

IX. Adjournment:

Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to adjourn carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM by Chair M. Parker.

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

DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the IWWA. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.