

Woodstock Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday – August 7, 2023  
held virtually via Zoom



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The video recording of this meeting can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/bVaEYZM4jcA>

I. The call to order by Chair Mark Parker was at 7:06 PM

II. Roll Call: Members- Mark Parker, Marla Butts, William Rewinski, Stuart Peaslee (alternate)  
Others: Wetlands Agent Dan Malo. Members of the public/applicants and their representatives.  
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 M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to accept the minutes of the 06-12-2023 Special IWWA Meeting as edited carried unanimously : #VIIa....minutes from November 11, ~~2011~~ 2021 to the present, #VIIc ...contractual ~~ZEO~~ services ... and # VIId ...a public hearing will be held followed by a town vote.**

\*\* No meeting was held in July, 2023.

**\*\* Motion W. Rewinski seconded by M. Butts to add two Agenda items under #VII Administrative Business: e. Proposed modification by M. Deyorio, 14 Loyola Road Extension/Quassett and f. Proposed modification by B. Scagliola at 234 West Quassett Road carried unanimously.**

V. Pending Applications: none

VI. New Applications:

a. 08-23-01 – 260 Bungay Hill Road/Chandler Paquette/Teardown and new SFH: Mr. Paquette/in attendance. The Bungay Association has approved the proposed changes; NDDH approval is submitted. The plan includes removing the present structure, as it is built on an on-grade slab and much of the plumbing and part of the septic is located below it. No changes in grade are proposed. The IWWA asked for professional engineering plans, showing 2' grades, E&S controls, precise location of the current and proposed septic system and all customary details. In asking for a site plan, the IWWA agreed that the application is being withdrawn and no additional fee is required. **Motion M. Butts seconded by S. Peaslee to move application 08-23-01, 260 Bungay Hill Road/Chandler Paquette/Teardown and new SFH to the September 11, 2023 IWWA meeting, requesting resubmittal of the application form with a site plan, any further fee to be waived, carried unanimously.**

b. 08-23-02 – 90 Barlow Cemetery Road/Anthony Cummins/Garage: M. Cummins/in attendance. The proposed structure is located entirely in the Upland Review area. The existing driveway will be

used to access the proposed garage; no water connections or electricity will be installed at this time. **Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski that application 08-23-02, 90 Barlow Cemetery Road/Anthony Cummins/Garage be processed as a Wetlands Agent Approval carried unanimously.**

c. 08-23-03 – Lot 18 Old Hall Road/Evan Renaud/Driveway: Mr. Renaud/in attendance. A culvert for the existing farm road/driveway (across wetlands) seems inadequate as water flows both down West Road into a catch basin and also sheet flows across the driveway and down to Mill Brook. Daniel Blanchette, J & D Engineering, reviewed the proposed modifications. M. Butts asked about any continual flow, and the capacity of the proposed two 24” culverts and downstream controls. **Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to accept application 08-23-03 for a driveway to new home at 18 Old Hall Road/Evan Renaud for IWWA consideration carried unanimously.**

d. 08-23-04 – 41 Hiawatha Heights/Sugato Mitra/Retaining walls: Professional Engineer Daniel Blanchette/J&D Engineering, reviewed the proposal to back-fill and add drain holes to the 125’ retaining wall which is leaning outward, as well as to replace loose boulders with blocks on the northeast corner for safety. The row of trees along the wall will be removed; W. Rewinski noted the absence of property stakes, suggesting the abutter be asked for a letter of consent. **Motion W. Rewinski seconded by M. Butts to accept for IWWA consideration application 08-23-04, 41 Hiawatha Heights/Sugato Mitra/Retaining walls modifications carried unanimously.**

#### VII. Administrative Business:

a. Discussion:399 Roseland Park Road grading (Grenier/in attendance): M. Butts noted that neither the yardage of removed material nor the location to which it will be relocated is shown in the documents. As Mr. Grenier does not have access to a topographic map in 2’ increments, M. Butts will provide a suitable map so Mr. Grenier can show all the desired information and resubmit.

b. Discussion of Lake View Drive Pond and drainage issue (Bentley/in attendance): a 08/03/2023 memo to Dan Malo from DEEP/Dam Safety was screen-shared. Ross Ellison (Bunggee Lake Association) and Engineer Carl Asimovic commented that this could be found to be a State responsibility given the various issues, including trees located along the powerlines. After review of the situation: Mr. Bentley will complete the suggested application/registration to DEEP/Dam Safety in order to determine whether jurisdiction falls to the IWWA to move ahead with handling the drainage issue (with possible damage to roads/structures), or that it will be a State matter.

c. Discussion of Woodstock Fair/Mill Brook erosion mitigation (Child): the recent nearly overtopping of the footbridge at the Woodstock Fairgrounds by Millbrook was reviewed, as was the history of the situation over the past several years. The goal is to raise or replace the footbridge and remove the sedimentation to finally alleviate the matter. Jean Pillo did research as was suggested. No action at this time.

d. Discussion of Town of Woodstock/Paine Road erosion mitigation (Petro): the material flowing onto Mr. Petro’s property is under investigation by Engineer Janet Blanchette and M. Butts. A topographic map will be used to develop a sedimentation basin along Paine Road.

e. Added to agenda Mike Dayorio (in attendance), 14 Loyola Road Extension retaining wall modification request: the stonewall along the waterfront has disintegrated and needs to be brought up to ground level with stones around the point. Additionally, he would like to create a swimming area by removing material and adding beach sand. The QLD Board (District Chair, Andre Bessette) has approved the change; W. Rewinski asked for a copy for the records. W. Rewinski and M. Butts

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suggested an application with two sections. 1). A Maintenance of Residential Property or a Use as of Right Application: either one will need to state the amount of stone (rip-rap) anticipated along the wall. 2). Modification of the lakefront and addition of beach sand needs further examination, to determine the ownership of the area. For this section, state the amount of washed beach sand needed as well as the number of cubic yards to be removed and the location to which it will be re-located.

f. Added to agenda: Brian Scagliola (in attendance), 234 W Quassett Road discussed with the IWWA the current dock/platform along his waterfront. The terms of the Quassett Lake Association bylaws were reviewed with which Mr. Scagliola believes himself to be in compliance. M. Butts pointed out that the bylaws is not the same as the town giving permission; an After The Fact Application is needed because this is considered an alteration to a water course; any other proposed work within 125' of the waterfront, such as stabilize the area with mulch to prevent erosion, will need to be stated. Mr. Scagliola asked if he can add beach sand; yes, submit an application if the Lake Association approves it first.

e. Enforcement and Inspections: Wetlands Agent Dan Malo reviewed General Enforcement, of which 234 W. Quassett was the most significant along with the Grenier property and Bentley. Inspections: only a few have been conducted as many approvals have not yet had construction begin. He will prepare a written Agent Update of projects over the past year. IWWA Member S. Peaslee offered to be of assistance with site visits.

g. IWWA Application Form – the process remains underway; the IWWA will be presented with a clean, edited copy.

h. IWWA Regulations – no discussion

i. Personnel update – Agent D. Malo and IWWA member M. Butts reviewed the staffing both in Woodstock and Thompson for individuals to handle Inland Wetlands and Conservation. D. Malo will assume the Wetlands Agent role in Thompson soon but will remain as the Woodstock Agent on a part-time basis for at least several months.

#### VIII. Citizens' Comments:

-M. Butts noted that the FEMA review of the Quinebaug River Watershed has been completed, impacting Thompson's floodplains designation and thus their need for Regulations updates. In the future, the Shetucket River Watershed will be similarly reviewed by FEMA which might also result in new wetlands maps and necessitate a Regulations update.

#### IX. Adjournment:

**Motion W. Rewinski seconded by S. Peaslee to adjourn carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 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.*