



Woodstock Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency
Meeting Minutes
Monday – September 11, 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/uXKMzWM9tO4>

I. The call to order by Chair Mark Parker was at 7:03 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 08-07-2023 as edited carried unanimously: New Applications # a. ...an on-grade slab... ...an on-grade slab...**

**** Motion W. Rewinski seconded by M. Butts to add an Agenda item under Administrative Business VII, a: 399 Roseland Park Road, Mr. Michael Grenier, carried unanimously**

V. Pending Applications

a. 08-23-03 – Lot 18 Old Hall Road/Evan Renaud/Culvert for existing driveway. Daniel Blanchette, Professional Engineer, is present. M. Butts asked if the Sequence of proposed construction is included in the site plan, or the July 21, 2023 letter. D. Blanchette: No. M. Butts cites a possible list of activities, sequenced, which D. Blanchette agreed is what is planned. To control the over-topping of the driveway, M. Butts suggested adding stone as well as a silt fence; D. Blanchette agreed. All present acknowledged that given the topography, water overtopping of the driveway is inevitable. D. Blanchette: the design allows an extra foot before an over-topping would take place in a 25-year storm scenario; M. Butts added that ideally, sheet flow will result from this engineering design.

Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to approve application 08-23-03 for a driveway Culvert for new home at 18 Old Hall Road/Evan Renaud carried unanimously, with the conditions that * the Sequence of Construction be added to the application materials and submitted to the Wetlands Agent in advance of any work being performed at the site, and * that the Plan show a modification of the structure of the twin culverts at the outflow as discussed.

b. 08-23-04 – 41 Hiawatha Heights/Sugato Mitra/Retaining walls. Daniel Blanchette, (P E) is present. The site plan has been revised (09-11-2023); the abutter has not been reached regarding proposed modifications at the shared corner. The northeast corner revetment has been replaced by a swale. There will be 1" weep holes in the front retaining wall. The façade wall tilts 3" and the treatment using water-friendly stucco on the face will strengthen it as well as improve the appearance.

Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to accept 08-23-04, 41 Hiawatha Heights/Sugato Mitra for Retaining walls: identified on the Site Plan entitled as Site Development Plan prepared for Sugato Mitra, 41 Hiawatha Heights, Woodstock CT for Map 7272 Plot 34 Lot D8, prepared by J & C Civil Engineers LLC, dated 08-02-2023 and revised 09-11-2023 with the condition that the modified Site Plan, as agreed upon at this meeting, signed and sealed by the Engineer, be submitted prior to any construction to the office of the Inland Wetlands Agent, carried unanimously.

VI. New Applications

a. 09-23-01 – 260 Bungay Hill Road/Chandler Paquette/Teardown and new SFH. Builder Chandler Paquette: a new Site Plan for a septic tank relocation has been submitted. The full

survey shows silt fence locations for the project as well as setbacks, and tank locations. The NDDH has agreed with tying into the existing septic system, as the project is a tank re-location. A written report will be sent in. PC Surveying (Paul Terwilliger is present). did the survey and submitted a signed and sealed document for the application. No wetlands activity is proposed.

Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to approve application 08-23-01, 260 Bungay Hill Road/Chandler Paquette/Teardown and new SFH as a Wetlands Agent approval carried unanimously.

- b. 09-23-02 – 94 Plaine Hill Road/Woodstock Inn Associates/2-Lot Subdivision & 2 new SFHs. No work in wetlands is proposed, although there is within a 125' area. Last year when the proposed subdivision was received, the IWWA asked for delineation of the area to be placed in a Permanent Easement (the set aside). All aspects seem present including the Sequence of Construction for both residences. An out-of-date State Reporting form will need to be updated with the IWW Agent. The qualifications of the Soils Scientist who developed the Site Plan (Steven Riberdy) need confirmation. M. Parker proposed accepting the application pending confirmation of the credentials. After discussion of Federal & State mandates for qualifications: **Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to table application 09-23-02 at 94 Plaine Hill Road/Woodstock Inn Associates/2-Lot Subdivision & 2 new SFHs pending the IWW Agent receipt of the Soils Scientist's credentials, per State statute, carried unanimously.**
- c. 09-23-03 – 14 Loyola Road Extension/Mike Deyorio/Riprap, Mucking, & Beach Sand. Mr. Deyorio is present. The application has two steps: application of riprap first, the goal of which is prevent further erosion around the point of land into the lake. The Lake Association has approved the work. Abutters are informed. Two: remove 6" of muck from the waterfront and replace it with washed beach sand. The GroundScapes Company will handle the excavation and replacement, and removal from the premises. Discussion: caution is advised as de-watering the removed material before transportation may be needed. The Lake Association lowers the water level in the fall; the applicant may decide to wait until the ground is frozen. The application is for activity within a watercourse; the IWWA must wait the statutory time for considering approval. **Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to accept for consideration at next month's IWWA meeting application 09-23-03 at 14 Loyola Road Extension/Mike Deyorio to add Rip-Rap and perform the process of Mucking, & adding Beach Sand carried unanimously.**
- d. 09-23-04 – 76 Oak Hill Lane/Sandra Skeffington/Teardown and new SFH. Paul Terwilliger of PC Surveying is present. All activity is outside the wetlands. The small residence will be removed and replaced. The septic (1990s era) was inspected, and a report submitted with the application. There is no disturbance proposed around the pond; a silt fence will be constructed. Two old wells will be filled. M. Butts asked for delineation of the 125" upland area. **Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to process application 09-23-04 at 76 Oak Hill Lane/Sandra Skeffington for a Teardown and new SFH as a Wetlands Agent approval pending receipt of the NDDH approval and a modification of the Site Plan signed and sealed by the surveyor to include the 125' Upland Review area carried unanimously.**
- e. 09-23-05 – 234 West Quasset Rd/Brian Scagliola/Deck, Dock, and Beach: Brian Scagliola (in attendance) discussed the current dock/deck. He reviewed The GroundScapes Company's erosion control solution of using wood chips to stabilize the downslope to the waterfront. They will stabilize the 25' dock which rests on moveable 4' X 6' plastic pillars. And they will remove muck from the shoreline to above a stone wall and replace it with beach sand. The material to be removed is 6" deep and is on each side of the dock. W. Rewinski asked about the configuration of the path down to the waterfront, in concern for erosion of the wood chips, or them becoming slick. The applicant noted that the contractor walked the land and has no concern about negative impacts including rutting.



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M. Butts called for a GIS map to observe the steepness and configuration of the slopes down to the waterfront and the precise area to be mucked; this will provide updated drawings and details of the Contractor's plan. Since the proposed activity is in a waterbody, statute requires that the application be handled next month.

Motion M. Butts seconded by W. Rewinski to accept application 09-23-05 for 234 West Quasset/Brian Scagliola for Deck, Dock, and Beach modifications to be placed on the next IWWA meeting agenda carried unanimously.

VII. Enforcement and Inspections:

- a. Added Agenda Item: 399 Roseland Park Road, Mr. Michael Grenier, who is present. A review of the status of Mr. Grenier's need to prevent flooding from Muddy Brook into his home, the sills of which are at ground level, was conducted. He has provided a topographical map, provided by M. Butts following the last IWWA meeting; the delineations of the areas to be modified to prevent flooding are not as precise as needed, nor is the amount of soil being moved and to where specified, the IWWA observed. His property has been before the IWWA beginning in June, 2022, last year. During the interim, an approved berm was built but was ineffective. Since the property is farmed, abrupt changes of grade are detrimental to Mr. Grenier's use of his land. IWWA's Stuart Peaslee conducted a site walk and took photos, after Mr. Grenier extended the invitation. W. Rewinski regularly drives past and sees the impacts to the land and possibly to the structure. S. Peaslee concluded from Mr. Grenier's explanation that 2 Tri-axel truckloads of materials, or approximately 30-50 cu yards, will be moved. At this time there is no formal application of file; if Mr. Grenier will submit an updated/revised application, (no further fees is required), working with Wetlands Agent Dan Malo, identifying the exact places and amounts of materials to be used, the questions will all be answered; the application can then be handled rapidly.
- b. Personnel update – Wetlands Agent Dan Malo reviewed the status of his position in support of the ZBA. He will transition into the Thompson Wetlands Agent's position, as their Agent, Marla Butts, prepares for semi-retirement. He will remain as our ZBA support staff for the few authorized hours per week.
- c. IWWA Application Form – no discussion
- d. IWWA Regulations – no discussion

VIII. Citizens' Comments:

-First Selectman Jay Swan bid the IWWA good night with thanks

IX. Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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.