

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2021 – 7:00 pm

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC, members of the IWWA participated in the meeting via ZOOM online.

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice Chairman William Rewinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Vice Chairman Rewinski shared the protocol on conducting meetings via Zoom online. He shared information he researched relating to ex-officio members and their voting power.

- II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: William Rewinski, Marla Butts, Stuart Peaslee (Alternate), First Selectman Jay Swan (*ex-officio*)

Members Absent: Mark Parker

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: Tina Lajoie, Greg Favreau, Sean Copeland, Lori Demma, Donny Dicostanzo, Members of the Public

- III. **Appointment of Alternates (if necessary):** Stuart Peaslee was seated.

- IV. **Action on minutes of previous meeting of March 1, 2021:**

Motion was made by Stuart Peaslee, and **Seconded** by Marla Butts, to **Approve** the minutes of the March 1, 2021 IWWA meeting as presented. Jay Swan **Abstained**. **The motion passed.**

- V. **Pending Applications:**

- a. 01-21-02 – Maria Bushey – Laurel Hill Drive – Map 7272, Block B35, Lot 34 – Construction of new home, septic, well, and driveway

Sean Copeland was in attendance representing the applicant as the general contractor. It was confirmed that soil separation geo-textile will be used. Marla Butts recapped comments and recommendations discussed during previous meetings. Mr. Copeland shared information regarding roof drainage. Further discussion ensued regarding roof drainage and dry wells.

William Rewinski was in favor of the application as long as there would be no future development or refinement of the wetlands areas and that they remain natural as much as possible. Additionally, he requested an official letter from Greg Favreau and the President of the Lake Bunggee Tax District stating their approval relative to filling of wetlands on the Lake Bunggee right of way and identifying the correct Lot number.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Approve** 01-21-02 – Maria Bushey – Laurel Hill Drive – Map 7272, Block B35, Lot 34 – Construction of new home, septic, well, and driveway in accordance with plans entitled Improvement Location Survey Lot Development Plan Lot B35-B36 prepared for Mark and Maria Bushey by PC Survey Associates dated Revised to 2/18/21 on the condition that no construction begin until the Wetlands Agency

receives a letter from the Lake Bunggee Tax District stating its acceptance and approval of the plans submitted to the Wetlands Agency as stated. Jay Swan **Abstained. The motion passed.**

VI. New Applications:

- a. UP 03-21-12 – Calvin Kemp, 469 Route 197 – Timber Harvest

IWWA members questioned whether this application indicated work for a clear cut. It was recommended the application be tabled until further clarification is received. Tina Lajoie will contact Harvester Michael Grasso to better understand the scope of work to be done.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Table** UP 03-21-12 – Calvin Kemp, 469 Route 197 – Timber Harvest until further clarification is received regarding the scope of work to be done. Jay Swan **Abstained. The motion passed.**

- b. 04-21-01 – Lian Properties, LLC – Barlow Cemetery Road, Map 5787, Block 41, Lot 12 – New Single Family Home Construction

Marla Butts requested additional information on the culvert and the culvert sizing. Further discussion ensued regarding the hydraulic capacity of the cross culvert on the driveway.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Accept** 04-21-01 – Lian Properties, LLC – Barlow Cemetery Road, Map 5787, Block 41, Lot 12 – New Single Family Home Construction with a request that the applicant supply hydraulic information on the cross culvert and the culvert sizing from the CT Licensed Professional Engineer Normand Thibeault. Jay Swan **Abstained. The motion passed.**

Tina Lajoie will contact the Mr. Thibeault to request the information noted in the above referenced motion.

- c. 03-21-15 – Lori Demma – 30 Beaver Dam Road – Repair retaining wall and shoreline restoration

Applicants Lori Demma and Donny Dicostanzo were in attendance. They confirmed the existing wall will be rebuilt when the water is down. The same materials will be used to rebuild the wall, which is rock. Crushed stone will be used to fill the voids. The applicants will supply photographs of the current retaining wall and stairs, along with a side sketch of the wall. Granite will be used to replace the existing stairs.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Accept** 03-21-15 – Lori Demma – 30 Beaver Dam Road – Repair retaining wall and shoreline restoration. Jay Swan **Abstained. The motion passed.**

VII. Administrative Business¹:

- a. Update: 10-20-31 – Phylis M. Gilbert Trustees c/o John Kennison - ~650 English Neighborhood Road – 3 Lot Subdivision

Tina Lajoie stated in November 2020 when IWWA approved the application with conditions, members asked that any new information be resubmitted to the Agency. Ms. Lajoie cited information in a letter recently received from the NDDH and requested feedback from IWWA members. Further discussion ensued. Marla Butts noted that there seemed to be no changes to the wetlands delineation or topography, and the proposal remains acceptable with the provision that lots 1 and 3 return to IWWA for individual approval as stated in the November 2020 IWWA minutes.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Confirm** that the original IWWA decision in November 2020 stands without change regarding 10-20-31 – Phylis M. Gilbert Trustees c/o John Kennison – ~650 English Neighborhood Road – 3 Lot Subdivision. Jay Swan **Abstained. The motion passed.**

- VIII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report:** The Wetlands Agent Activity Report was included in the meeting packets. Tina Lajoie stated audio from the recent IWWA site visit on 155 Paine Road will be transcribed soon. Property owner of 155 Paine Road, Ron Petro, was in attendance to receive comments from IWWA members. Ms. Lajoie referenced a letter from John Navarro dated January 11, 2021 explaining the history of the work done by the Town Highway Department. She recommended Agency members review this again and she will share it with Mr. Swan.

Marla Butts provided information relating to soils removal. Should Mr. Petro submit an application for proposed work, she recommended the application include a hydraulic analysis by a CT licensed engineer. She further advised having the town engineer review Paine Road and Mr. Petro's driveway and the overtopping of it. Ms. Butts suggested the possibility of having a soil scientist re-delineate the wetlands. Mr. Peaslee recommended alternatives to piping, such as an open trench. First Selectman Swan will investigate Ms. Butts' recommendation regarding a review by the town engineer.

Tina Lajoie referenced Jean Pillo's report from ECCD, which was previously distributed to IWWA members. Mr. Petro stated the subdivision was named Paine District Estates Association. Ms. Butts located the subdivision on the town website and referenced Book 1976, page 197, which was filed in 2005 and shows wetlands and the subdivision map.

- a. Other Administrative Business¹: None
- b. Communications: None
- c. Bills: None

¹ Subheadings under Administrative Business may include, as needed, Wetlands Agent Reports, Communications, Bills, Complaints, Investigations, Enforcement, Requests for Permit Extensions/Transfers, Election of Officers, Budget Requests and Other.

- IX. Citizens' Comments/Other Topics:** Ron Petro shared comments on his property at 155 Paine Road and issues associated with the second culvert installation. He referenced various comments in the ECCD report and responded to those comments. He clarified that he would not be commencing with any work until he receives the required town approvals.

First Selectman Jay Swan responded to questions asked by Marla Butts regarding the future of the Land Use Department and the town budget. Mr. Swan stated the final budget presentation by the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Finance will occur on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7 pm via Zoom.

Marla Butts asked that the most recent IWWA Bylaws be placed on the IWWA webpage on the Town website.

- X. Adjournment: Motion** was made by Jay Swan, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://youtu.be/UavFT5F8nIY>

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