

Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 7, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual 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 recording of this meeting can be view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDgXEkYKp0>

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Mark Parker called meeting to order at 7:15 pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present- Mark Parker, Marla Butts, William Rewinski, Stuart Peaslee (alternate)
Others Present- Wetlands Agent Ashley Stephens, Recording Secretary Amy Monahan,
Members of the public including LBTD Roads Chair Ross Ellison, LBTD Compliance Chair
Kathleen Ellison, James Bentley, Mark Reynolds, Chris Casadei, Chris Mokrzecki, George &
Carolyn Looby, Todd Looby, Michelle Wood, Ron Petro, David Held of Provost and Rovero

3. Appointment of Alternates

- a. Stuart Peaslee seated

4. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting January 10, 2022
 - i. From the meeting minutes on January 10, 2022, the commission recommends changing the following-
 1. It was Vice Chairman William Rewinski that called the meeting to order and mediated the meeting on January 10, 2022- Not Chairman Mark Parker as documented. Chairman Mark Parker attended the January 10, 2022 meeting virtually.
 - ii. William Rewinski made a ***Motion** to accept minutes as presented with the change under Call to Order noted above. ***Seconded** by Marla Butts. ***The motion passed unanimously.**

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5. Preliminary Discussion

- a. Lake Bungee lot discussion- Kathleen Ellison
 - i. Kathleen Allison is looking for clarification from the IWWA that the planned activities on lake owned lot are not regulated. Specifically, can trees over 2" be cut without permit and can sand be placed on land (not in water) as non-regulated use.
 - ii. Marla reviewed previous decision of IWWA pertaining to that lot. It was previously found that activities were acceptable as long as the lot was not clear cut and there was no land disturbance such as stump removal.
 - iii. No complaints have been made to the Land Use Office from the neighbor of property in question.
 - iv. The IWWA finds no need to change the outcome of previous discussion for the lot in question and that the activities can continue as planned by the LBTD.
- b. 01-22-03-Timber Harvest Notification- Chris Mokrzecki (Chris's Loggin LLC) – 400 new Sweden Rd – follow up discussion
 - i. A meeting was set up with Darcy Winter at DEEP and Ashley Stephens to clarify how to deal with timber harvest notifications.
 - ii. Ashley Stephens obtained additional maps from harvester. There is a question of dispute on a lot in timber harvest area.
 - iii. Chris explained it is not uncommon to make survey map from surrounding surveys. There is a dispute in ownership of a lot between Wentworth and Withers. Tax bills show that Mr. Withers holds current tax bill and the timber harvesters will not go on that property in this project. The map will have to be updated to show land to be harvested. The lot marked as dispute lot was marked incorrectly and will be updated as well.
 - iv. It was determined that the IWWA meeting was not the place to determine ownership and/or permission to timber. That is a civil issue for another venue.
 - v. It was also determined that as long as the timber harvest process follows what was discussed at the previous meeting, there is no reason to change the decision of the previous meeting and the application is approved under use permitted as of right under agriculture as previously decided.

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 had submitted a seal certified letter to the Town of Woodstock from Killingly Engineering Associates with evaluation of site and recommendations.
 - ii. The commission feels that the work to be completed needs to be presented in the form of a site plan, not a letter. A site plan would show where all recommendations will take place on the property and include details such as waterflow/hydraulic calculations.

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- iii. New application was presented on November 15, 2021 and a 60 day extension was granted at last meeting on January 15, 2022. This application has only 30 days remaining to render a decision.
- iv. James Bentley will contact Ashley Stephens to get complete list of needs of the IWWA. He will then bring the list to Killingly Engineering Associates for completion and bring the requested plan to the next IWWA meeting.
- b. 12-21-14- Morris Lewis – Hemlock Dr, 34 Lot 68- new home construction
 - i. Mark Reynolds, applicant's representative, is present and has material to share.
 - 1. Location Map shared with commission including wetland areas and proposed work, work plan including erosion sediment control plan. The stormwater runoff and flagging of wetlands brought up at previous meeting has been addressed on updated plan.
 - ii. Marla Butts requested additional information about the standard quick 4 bottom chamber infiltration units proposed on plan and they were described by Mark Reynolds. Stuart Peaslee requested actual distance to the wetlands and it was found to be 30 feet.
 - iii. This application was submitted on January 15, 2022 and a decision does not have to be rendered at this meeting.
 - iv. Kathleen Ellison, Compliance Chair for LBTD, reminded applicant that he must also submit application and documents to the lake association and that there is a driveway bond required as well.
 - v. Marla Butts would like additional time to review and research some items on this plan before approval.
 - vi. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to table application 12-21-14- Morris Lewis – Hemlock Dr, 34 Lot 68- new home construction until the March 7, 2022 IWWA Meeting. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. ***The motion passed unanimously.**

7. New Applications

- a. 01-22-04- George & Carolyn Looby- 534 Senexet Rd- clean existing farm pond
 - i. Marla Butts questioned where the form presented originated as it was not a commonly submitted form. It was decided that all IWWA forms should be reviewed and updated as needed.
 - ii. Marla Butts is familiar with the drainage of Bull Hill Rd to the pond in question. She has been in contact with Department of Public Works about the drainage in the past.
 - iii. The property owners shared that Jim Pioppi would be the contractor and explained the plan of work. Marla asked for a drawing of proposed work and if the applicants had approached the town to see if they would take the sediment removed.

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- iv. Marla recommended to table this item until plan and drawings from contractor are provided showing the process of work to be performed. An erosion and sediment control plan and water handling plan will also be needed from the contractor.
 - v. Marla Butts made recommendation to table application 01-22-04- George & Carolyn Looby- 534 Senexet Rd- clean existing farm pond until the March 7, 2022 IWWA Meeting.
- b. b. 01-22-05- Timber Harvest Notification- Michelle Wood- Hull Forest Products- 0 Brockway Rd (MBLU: 6387-41-06)
 - i. Michelle Wood has a forwarder crew available immediately to start. The landowner is interested in long term management. Hull will be doing an improvement thinning of approximately 30%. There is one wetland and one stream crossing that will both be bridged and corduroyed during the harvest. There will be no cutting in the wetlands-only crossing.
 - ii. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to approve the request for timber harvest as a use permitted as of right under agriculture for application number 01-22-05- Timber Harvest Notification- Michelle Wood- Hull Forest Products- 0 Brockway Rd (MBLU: 6387-41-06). ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. ***The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. 02-22-06- Daniel Flynn- 56 West View Drive- new home construction
 - i. Bill Rewinski noted that the home construction will be on Joy Road and address on agenda is residential address of the applicant.
 - ii. David Held of Provost and Rovero present to represent the applicant.
 - iii. This application is for work in upland review area and is a Wetland Agent Approval.
 - iv. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** that this application be processed as Wetland Agent Approval only after approval of NDDH for septic design. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. ***The motion carries unanimously.**
 - v. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to have Ashley Stephens notify the Planning & Zoning Commission that IWWA has no objection to development as proposed on application 01-22-06- Daniel Flynn- map 7278 block 32 lot 88-2 providing septic is approved by NDDH. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. ***The motion carries unanimously.**

8. Administrative Business

- a. An email was received by Sianna Green stating that the proposed culvert work described in her application has been put on hold until they find a new contractor that can provide work done with required materials.
- b. Election of Officers
 - i. Stuart Peaslee made a ***Motion** to reinstate the current officers to their current positions for the year going forward. ***Seconded** by Marla Butts. ***The motion carries unanimously.**

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- c. By-Law Review
 - i. Bi-Laws will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting on March 7, 2022.
- d. Marla Butts requests that the application receipt date and map/block/lot numbers be included in the agenda with application information for reference purposes. She also requests for rights to enter property during activities to be included in process with a separate signature line on the application. Review of forms will be added to the agenda in an upcoming month under administrative business.

9. Citizen's Comments

- a. Ron Petro shared that work done on the steam bed and driveway held up and did its job in the last storm and the pond is now very full. However, run off from Paine Rd has now filled the culvert and John Navarro will attend to that issue this week. He expressed concerns that the work that will be needed in the small ponding in the future will repeat the long and expensive process gone through for work already completed. He is asking for help from the town for the area from the roadway to the small pools and asking if his application includes work in that area.
 - i. Marla Butts recommended that he request a non-regulated use for conservation of soil and water when he needs to address the pool areas. He will need a sketch for areas to remove sediment.
 - ii. The IWWA would like to find a way with various agencies to address the instability of the road to avoid the expense to Ron Petro for continual repairs. A different system needs to be created to avoid the annual maintenance. Stuart Peaslee recommends that an engineering analysis for Paine Rd needs to be executed. Marla Butts recommends working with NRCS for the Paine Rd issues. She also suggested to contact Joe Polulech for possible contact information pertaining to this issue.

10. Adjournment

- a. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to adjourn. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 9:41 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.