

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 3, 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:** Chairman Mark Parker called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Mark Parker, William Rewinski, Marla Butts, Stuart Peaslee (Alternate)

Members Absent: N/A

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: Tina Lajoie, Greg Favreau, Norm Thibeault, Daniel Blanchette, 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 April 1, 2021 Special Meeting and April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting:**

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

Motion was made by William Rewinski, and **Seconded** by Marla Butts, to **Approve** the minutes of the April 12, 2021 IWWA regular meeting as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. **Pending Applications:**

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

Tina Lajoie stated she spoke with a representative of the applicant and received an update on the timber harvest project. The project was completed on April 8, 2021, and approximately 45% of mature marketable hardwood was harvested. Additional information on the project was provided to Agency members by Ms. Lajoie.

Marla Butts recommended the Agency not render a decision on this application because the work had been completed.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **State for the Record** the Agency did not render a decision on UP 03-21-12 – Calvin Kemp, 469 Route 197 – Timber Harvest as there was no work in the actual wetlands or clear cutting in the upland review area. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Tina Lajoie stated she visited the site. Professional Engineer Norm Thibeault, who was in attendance representing the applicant, answered questions from Agency members. He noted

there will be modified riprap on the embankment on the driveway. He provided a brief history of the property and answered additional questions.

Motion was made by William Rewinski, and **Seconded** by Marla Butts, to **Approve** 04-21-01 – Lian Properties, LLC – Barlow Cemetery Road, Map 5787, Block 41, Lot 12 – New single family home construction as a result of receiving the hydraulic report and verbal update from the professional engineer. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The applicant provided additional information to Agency members which was included in the meeting packets. The applicants confirmed there would be no work occurring in the water. The work will begin when the water is drawn down in the fall.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Approve** 03-21-15 – Lori Demma – 30 Beaver Dam Road – repair retaining wall and shoreline restoration as shown in the application as modified by the cross section submitted subsequent to the application. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Applications:

- a. 04-21-04 – GED Enterprise, LLC dba Bradford Standing Seam – 130 Brockway Road – 58' x 60' building for contractor's business

Professional Engineer Norm Thibeault was in attendance representing the applicant. He explained the business type is standing seam metal roofing. The applicant will use the existing building for storing of tools and parts. The purpose of the new building will be to store the contractor vehicles. Mr. Thibeault stated it appears the two small wetlands areas are a result of previous over excavation in a couple of areas. He explained the work activity is minimal on the site and answered questions from Agency members.

Marla Butts noted the application is suitable for a Wetlands Agent sign off.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, that the IWWA determined 04-21-04 – GED Enterprise, LLC dba Bradford Standing Seam – 130 Brockway Road – 58' x 60' building for contractor's business is a Wetlands Agent approval and processed by the Wetlands Agent. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- b. 04-21-05 – Angela Billings – 0 Dividend Road – New single-family dwelling and accessory structure

Daniel Blanchette from J&D Engineering was in attendance representing the applicant. Mr. Blanchette presented an overview of the property and referenced the site plans. The goal was to use the wetlands delineation from 1992 but it was found the previous wetlands delineation was deficient. There will be about 1,500 square feet of wetlands disturbance.

Marla Butts recommended a hydraulic analysis be completed and Mr. Blanchette provide how the pipe under the driveway can adequately pass the flows without overtopping for a least a 25-year return frequency storm. Mr. Blanchette will include a locus map for the next meeting at Chairman Parker's request.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Accept** 04-21-05 – Angela Billings – 0 Dividend Road – New single-family dwelling and accessory structure with the

understanding that a hydraulics report and locus map be provided at the next meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Administrative Business¹:

- a. Wetlands Agent Activity Report: The Wetlands Agent Activity Report was provided verbally by Tina Lajoie. She stated John Navarro and Janet Blanchette from J&D Engineering were onsite at 155 Paine Road recently, and Ms. Blanchette will be providing a full drainage report. The Town will absorb the associated cost of the report.

Ms. Lajoie stated there is a dispute between Lake Bunggee Association and property owners regarding land near Little Horn Point. An attorney for the complainant Jacqueline Dunaway sent a letter to Ms. Lajoie regarding concerns with Lake Bunggee representatives going onto the lot and clearing. She read the attorney's letter for Agency members. Greg Favreau was in attendance representing Lake Bunggee Association and shared the work that was completed and provided pictures of the work dated April 23. Tina Lajoie will visit the site to take photos and report back to the Agency at the next meeting. After the Agency reviews this information, a response will be sent to the attorney.

Ms. Lajoie conducted a site visit at 85 Loyola Road regarding a new home construction complaint. She visited the site and reported the silt fence is failing. She contacted the property owner and contractor to further discuss the issue. A second complaint was received for 273 Rocky Hill Road regarding a new driveway being put in and wetlands may be involved. She will be visiting the site soon and will report back.

Agency members provided some guidance for Anita Compagnone of 187 Converse Road who has had issues with holes in her yard. Photos of the holes were included in the meeting packets.

Ms. Lajoie shared an update on the intent to hire a separate wetlands official and separate zoning official. Administrative support for the Land Use Department is proposed for up to 29 hours per week. She asked members to contact the First Selectman with any candidate recommendations they may have.

- VIII. Citizens' Comments/Other Topics:** Jen Beams, VP for Lake Bunggee Tax District, was in attendance and asked for guidance regarding whether there were regulations identifying what type of sand should be used at lake beaches. The Association will be replenishing beach sand soon. Agency members stated probably the only restriction would be that the sand be clean with no contaminants.

- IX. Adjournment: Motion** was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Adjourn**. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

The recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://youtu.be/RvEh5h0deLc>

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.