

Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, November 15, 2021

7:00 PM

WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM 1

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members Present- Marla Butts, William Rewinski, Stuart Peaslee (alternate)

Others Present- Wetlands Agent Ashley Stephens, Recording Secretary Amy Monahan

3. Appointment of Alternates

- a. Stuart Peaslee seated

4. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular Meeting September 13, 2021
 - i. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to accept minutes from the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Pending Applications

- a. None

6. New Applications

- a. 11-21-11- James Bentley- 33 Marcy Road- expand pond
 - i. Members discussed the run off concerns brought to attention of the agency by Dave Castro pertaining to the property in question as well as the fact that the application is not complete at this time- missing required information including existing site plan, proposed alterations to the site, amount of material to be excavated and principal ownership information. Marla Butts suggested tabling the application but because payment had been made, it was decided that it should be received at this meeting.
 - ii. Property owner James Bentley shared that the pond has already been expanded as an emergency repair to stop the run off due to high rain

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volume this year and the run off was flooding a neighboring basement. He stated that no materials were removed or brought into the site and the pond is being used as a catch basin for natural water flow.

1. This changes the permit to an after the fact approval. James Bentley stated that no further work is planned. Marla Butts recommends that the agency review the work done at site to see if any additional concerns need to be addressed.
- iii. Members discussed the significant elevation change from Bungay Hill Rd to the pond and then to the lake as well as the large area/distance to absorb water surrounding the pond. This property has unique adjacency of roads and complication of several residential properties between the pond and Lake Bungee that need to be considered.
- iv. It was determined that since the application is now after the fact approval, that the agency needs the following items from James Bentley: site plan and narrative of what was done to the site as well as completed information on application. Ashley Stephens will email James Bentley specific information needed for the next meeting.
- v. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to accept application 11-21-11 with the understanding that additional requested information will be provided for the next meeting. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- b. 11-21-12- Ronald Petro- Paine Rd- restore pasture area on farm
 - i. Ronald Petro provided members photos from the years of 2000 and 2020/2021 to illustrate difference in pasture and serve as guide to restore area to original conditions before mined for topsoil and gravel.
 - ii. Marla Butts discussed the depth of fill planned to cover the area and the impact on wetland classification. It was stated that up to 3 feet of organics could be added without change of delineation status. The material amount planned to be used fits within that limitation.
 - iii. It was decided by agency to receive application tonight as is with no additional information. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to accept application 11-21-12 as presented. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski.
 - iv. Marla Butts questioned the rock wall put in on the boarder of the property. Ronald Petro stated that it is a temporary fix to stop future overflow onto the property that the Town of Woodstock had come up with for the drainage off the road. Marla questioned if the Town had any alternative solutions for this area that the IWWA had previously requested they investigate. Ronald Petro stated he had spoken with John

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Navarro and Jay Swan. They came up with a plan to raise the height of the existing berm and clean out the brook to better allow water flow to the pond and Ronald is happy to take on that project.

1. Marla Butts recommended including the cleaning of the channel in the permit as maintenance of home. The work on the channel would result in a width of 20 feet and have a 4% grade.
 2. Ronald Petro is comfortable with this solution as long as the berm keeps water off the driveway.
- v. He also would like to replace one old steel pipe that is crushed with new piping cross culvert and the damaged outlet pipes that are damaged in the current drainage system. These two additional tasks will also be added to the presented application.
 - vi. Marla Butts recommended modifying the application to include the stream restoration work, culvert replacement on the stream leading to the pond and on the culvert replacement leading from the pond to the outlet.
 - vii. After discussion, Ronald Petro agrees to modify his application to include the above additions and will process the modification with Ashley. The IWWA voted on accepting the motion with amendments. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. 11-21-13- Sianna Green and Casey Goodhall- 492 Route 197- replace existing culvert pipe under driveway
- i. There was no map or drawing presented with this incomplete application and the fee has not been paid.
 - ii. This property is carrying watercourse and located in a FEMA Flood Plain which requires an engineered design plan.
 - iii. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to accept the grossly incomplete application 11-21-13 Sianna Green and Casey Goodhall- 492 Route 197- replace existing culvert pipe under driveway with the understanding that an engineered site plan is required as well as payment of permit fee before consideration for approval. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- d. Chairman Mark Parker reviewed Section 8.5 of regulations with the agency and a discussion of the permit application acceptance procedure at the town hall took place between members. The applications should be stamped with received date when turned into the town hall.

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7. Administrative Business

- a. Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates
 - i. Ashely will send dates to members via email and approval will be made the December meeting.
- b. Correspondence
 - i. Treatment of pond at 741 Route 198
 - 1. A letter was received from the Pond and Lake Connection out of Brookfield notifying the town that they would treat the pond at 741 Route 198
 - a. This letter did not include course of treatment information or clarification that treatment was registered with DEEP and did not include the State of CT treatment form with applicators license number.
 - b. It was recommended that Ashley Stephens reach out to DEEP for information about the location.
 - ii. Boulders at vacant lot across from 7 Little Bungee
 - 1. Email received from Lake Bungee Tax District stating that they were ok with the owners putting up the boulders at the location.
 - 2. The commission feels that no permit is required for this non regulated activity in upland review area. No approval is needed and Ashley will respond to the email and add the documentation to the property file.
 - a. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** that the correspondence received pertaining to boulders at vacant lot across from 7 Little Bungee be deemed a non-regulated use and will be handled by Ashley Stephens. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **The motion passed unanimously.**

8. Citizens' Comments

- a. Agency discussed status of Kakiwick Membership.
- b. Stuart Peaslee shared his permit guide with the agency and would like feedback. It will be placed on next month's agenda under administrative business.

9. Adjournment

- a. Marla Butts made a ***Motion** to adjourn. ***Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:42 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.