

# Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency

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SPECIAL MEETING  
Monday, October 24, 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](http://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 viewed at: <https://youtu.be/LxjXPh8Sw70>

## 1. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Mark Parker called meeting to order at 7:18 pm

## 2. Roll Call

Members Present- Mark Parker, Marla Butts, William Rewinski, Stuart Peaslee (alternate)  
Others Present- Wetlands Agent Dan Malo, Recording Secretary Amy Monahan, Chris Mokrzecki, Jeff Polhemus, Burt Hanson, Ross & Kathleen Ellison, Phill Mahoney, Norm Thibault, Mike Allen

## 3. Appointment of Alternates

- a. Stuart Peaslee seated for quorum

## 4. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Special Meeting September 7, 2022
  - i. Bill Rewinski noted that the Wetlands Agency should not be referred to as a commission and commissioners should be referred to as agents in future minutes.
  - ii. Bill Rewinski made a **\*Motion** to accept minutes of September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. **\*Seconded** by Marla Butts. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. Pending Applications

- a. 08-22-02—Woodstock Inn Associates, LP – MBLU: 6391-70-02 – 94 Plaine Hill Road Subdivision and construction of 2 single-family homes outside of upland review area.
  - i. WITHDRAWN on October 7, 2022 due to denial from WPCA

## 6. New Applications

- a. 09-22-06 – Declaratory Ruling – Ross & Kathleen Ellison – 123 Laurel Hill Drive remove and replace stone wall, add beach & stairs along the lake
  - i. Marla Butts stated that the plans would not regularly classify as declaratory ruling but would require applicants to obtain an individual permit for work on water edge. Marla stated that she sees no concerns with the plans presented and has no problems with approving as individual permit once fee is paid.
  - ii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to approve application 09-22-06 – Declaratory Ruling – Ross & Kathleen Ellison – 123 Laurel Hill Drive remove and replace stone wall, add beach & stairs along the lake as a permit providing appropriate fees are paid. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**

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- b. 09-22-07 – Declaratory Ruling – Burton Hansen – 12 Beaver Dam Road new septic system to replace failing cesspool
  - i. Marla Butts asked why NDDH has required the amount of fill required and removal of stone wall.
    - 1. Jeff Polhemus noted that soil testing on site created concern with stone wall remaining immediately down slope of septic as some walls can act as drains and stipulate that all walls be removed within 25 feet of septic. The amount of fill is required to obtain the required depth of sand for the system.
  - ii. Marla Butts feels that this is a Wetland Agent Approval or Declaratory Ruling as maintenance permitted as of right for use.
  - iii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to approve application 09-22-07 – Declaratory Ruling – Burton Hansen – 12 Beaver Dam Road new septic system to replace failing cesspool as a declaratory ruling under use permitted as of right for use and enjoyment of residential home. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. 09-22-08 – Declaratory Ruling – Baxter Road Drainage Easement & additional road improvements
  - i. Phil Mahoney stated that Quasset Lake District has submitted plans for needed road improvements to control water during heavy rains.
  - ii. Marla Butts noted that this could classify as nonregulated use under conservation of soil and water.
  - iii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** for application 09-22-08 – Declaratory Ruling – Baxter Road Drainage Easement & additional road improvements be authorized as nonregulated use under conservation of soil and water. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
- d. 09-22-02 – Timber Harvest – Joshua & Cherise Kearney – MBLU: 5709-02-31 Pole Bridge Road
  - i. Marla Butts noted that there is no drainage crossing on this application and does qualify as timber harvest as shown.
  - ii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to approve application 09-22-02 – Timber Harvest – Joshua & Cherise Kearney – MBLU: 5709-02-31 Pole Bridge Road as use permitted as of right under agriculture. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
- e. 09-22-03 – Timber Harvest – Kevin Withers, Sr. – MBLU: 6391-70-37 and MBLU: 6391-70-03-1 426 New Sweden Road
  - i. Marla Butts noted that she had contacted the applicant when previous meeting was cancelled and gave permission to start cutting in non-wetland areas.
  - ii. Chris Mokrzecki stated that only mature trees 14 inches and up will be removed. There are no proposed upgrades to existing roads or bridges for this application.
  - iii. Marla Butts made **\*Motion** to approve application 09-22-03 – Timber Harvest – Kevin Withers, Sr. – MBLU: 6391-70-37 and MBLU: 6391-70-03-1 426 New Sweden Road as a use permitted as of right under agriculture. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed** with Mark Parker abstaining.
- f. 09-22-04 – Timber Harvest – David & Daniel Withers – MBLU: 6391-70-06 15 Swenson Road
  - i. Chris Mokrzecki stated that only mature trees 14 inches and up will be removed. There is one intermittent stream but access on both sides and no need to cross.
  - ii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to approve application 09-22-04 – Timber Harvest – David & Daniel Withers – MBLU: 6391-70-06 15 Swenson Road as a use permitted as of right under agriculture. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed** with Mark Parker abstaining.
- g. 09-22-05 – Construction of Single-Family Home – James & Kathy Jean Barlow 215 Crystal Pond Road
  - i. Marla Butts noted that the septic will be on separate property and require pumping. The septic has been approved by NDDH. It was noted that there will be a generator with this construction in order to provide pumping during power outages.

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- ii. Norm Thibault is representing the applicant and stated that approval has been granted by NDDH and the State of Connecticut as an easement was required for septic being located on separate parcel. Norm noted that this is currently a developed lot with structures that need to be demolished for new construction.
- iii. Marla Butts requested that the NDDH and State approvals be forwarded to the Land Use Office to be added to this file.
- iv. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to table application 09-22-05 – Construction of Single-Family Home – James & Kathy Jean Barlow 215 Crystal Pond Road for consideration and review at next meeting. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
- h. 10-22-01 – Construction of Single-Family Home – Lian Properties 239 Barlow Cemetery Road
  - i. Norm Thibault is present and representing the applicant.
  - ii. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to have application 10-22-01 – Construction of Single-Family Home – Lian Properties 239 Barlow Cemetery Road be processed as a Wetland Agent Approval. **\*Seconded** by Bill Rewinski. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. Administrative Business

- a. 2023 Meeting Dates
  - i. Proposed meeting dates were distributed to the Agents. The following changes were discussed
    - 1. Move January meeting to January 9th
    - 2. Move July meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup> to observe Independence Day
    - 3. Move September meeting to Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. The Wetland Agents unanimously agree to the above changes of proposed 2023 meeting dates presented for review.
- b. Ordinance Concerning IWWA Membership
  - i. Marla Butts made a **\*Motion** to have Dan Malo inform the Selectmen's Office to move forward and place the IWWA Ordinance update on the agenda of the next town meeting. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Subdivision regulation concerning wetlands
  - i. The IWWA Agents will review Subdivision Regulations and bring any concerns pertaining to Wetlands to Dan Malo. If any concerns are found, subdivision regulations will be added to the November Agenda.

## 8. Citizen's Comments

- a. Ross Ellison noted that Lake Bungee is looking to do similar work that Quasset Lake presented in Agenda Item 6.c. He also is looking for advice on permits needed to remove sediment that has washed into the lake from drainage issues.
  - i. Marla suggested having a forebay of some sort in the lake to control the migration of sediment as it enters the lake. This would have to be designed by a professional engineer.
  - ii. Marla suggests talking to a contractor and coming back with a plan including locus and extent of excavation for the IWWA to review.
- b. Norm Thibault has been speaking with Mr. Greenier on Roseland Park Road and working on a plan to deal with water around the home without interfering with the wetlands on site. He inquired with the Agency members about the idea of creating a berm in a horseshoe shape around the septic system to divert the water from the home.
  - i. Marla Butts noted that she would like to see the FEMA flood plain on any drawing brought to the Agency in the future.
- c. Bill Rewinski asked about the status of the pond expanded on Lakeview Drive owned by Jim Bentley of Marcy Road. Dan Malo will look into the current status with that property.

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## 9. Adjournment

- a. Bill Rewinski made a **\*Motion** to adjourn. **\*Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee. **\*The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:58 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.