

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, January 6, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**

**WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL - LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Mark Parker called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.
- II. **Roll Call:**  
**Members Present:** Mark Parker, Stuart Peaslee, William Rewinski, Victor Peabody  
**Members Absent:** Marla Butts  
**Quorum:** Yes  
**Others Present:** Tina Lajoie, Members of the Public
- III. **Appointment of Alternates (if necessary):** None.
- IV. **Action on minutes of previous meeting of December 16, 2019:**  
**Motion** was made by William Rewinski, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **approve** the minutes of the December 16, 2019 minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The November 18, 2019 minutes were not able to be approved due to the lack of a quorum. A correction to the November 18, 2019 minutes was recommended: Under 5(a) – Chamberlin Mill – in the Motion, change “Accept” to “Approve.” **Motion** was made by William Rewinski, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **approve** the November 18, 2019 as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- V. **Pending Applications:**
  - a) **#11-19-19 Harakaly, George – 10 Loyola Road – Repair of Seawall.**  
Mr. Harakaly is out of town for the winter months. At the November 18 meeting, the IWWA accepted the application on the condition that Mr. Harakaly provide a locus map and site diagram to show erosion and soil control, as well as proof of lake association approval of the proposed project. These items were not received.  
  
**Motion** was made by William Rewinski, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **deny without prejudice** application #11-19-19, Repair of Seawall, due to lack of supporting documentation and to reconsider the application fee should Mr. Harakaly reapply. **Motion carried unanimously.**
  - b) **#11-19-21 Erskine, Christopher – Big Horn Lane – New Dwelling.**  
Tina Lajoie noted that legal notice was placed in the paper for this application. Ms. Lajoie received an email communication from William Rewinski granting her authorization as Wetlands Agent to act on this application as per Town of Woodstock IWWA Bylaws Section 6.a.i. Members of the IWWA were copied on the email communication. Ms. Lajoie will be inspecting the site prior to construction commencing.

VI. **New Applications:** None.

VII. **Preliminary Discussion:** None.

VIII: **Administrative Business:**<sup>1</sup>

a) **Other**

- **Vote on Amended January 2020 – January 2021 Calendar**

Three previously set meeting dates were changed due to holidays and other date conflicts. The revised dates are July 13, September 14 and November 16. **Motion** was made by William Rewinski, and **Seconded** by Victor Peabody, to **approve** the amended meeting dates as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

b) **Wetlands Agent Activity Report**

- Tina Lajoie reported that she has had no sign offs since the last meeting. She continues to be in contact with various groups associated with the Witches Woods Lake property situation. Atty. Rich Roberts advised the IWWA to not conduct any enforcement action until the DEEP completes their investigation. It is Ms. Lajoie's understanding that the DEEP is awaiting permission from the property owner in question to take samples on her property. Ms. Lajoie stated that James Keaney, Compliance Specialist at the DEEP Pesticide Program, emailed her on December 20, 2019 and clarified that, at this time, there is no clear evidence that the contamination appeared to destroy the trees in question.

Currently, Ms. Lajoie has contacted a NECCOG engineer, Supervising Environmental Analyst for the State of CT Eric McPhee, and the Northeast District Department of Health. Chairman Parker noted that the company and manufacturer of the copper sulfate used had insufficient instructions for application. It is his understanding that the DEEP and EPA may pursue this labeling issue with the manufacturer.

Tina will continue to follow-up with DEEP and request a timeline from them. It was suggested that Ms. Lajoie draft a letter to the property owner informing her that the IWWA is in the process of gathering information based on a potential overapplication of a chemical product and that the letter does not serve as an enforcement action at this time. The certified letter will be reviewed by legal counsel prior to it being mailed.

c) **Bills**

- Norwich Bulletin Legal – Chamberlin Mill: The Commission approved the invoice.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**d) Communications**

- William Rewinski suggested that the IWWA offer a disclosure at the beginning of each meeting informing those present that the meeting is being recorded. Tina Lajoie will note this on future agendas.
- William Rewinski shared information he recently learned relative to the FEMA maps. The maps are curated for flood insurance and cannot be used for wetlands delineation because they are largely engineered and not site verified. However, the maps can be used for general reference. Thus, field work is still required. Ms. Lajoie stated that there is a collection of maps, dated back to 1984, in the town clerk's office, a copy in the building department, and new maps are in the process of being reviewed.
- It was suggested that review of, and possible revisions to, the current application be placed on the next agenda.

**IX: Citizens' Comments:** None.

**X: Adjournment: Motion** was made by Stuart Peaslee, and **Seconded** by Victor Peabody, to adjourn. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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.