

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

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 7:09 pm.
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Mark Parker, Stuart Peaslee, William Rewinski, Victor Peabody, Marla Butts
Members Absent: None
Quorum: Yes
Others Present: Tina Lajoie, Tom Gotta, Gary Wolff, Joshua Pratt, Calisto Bertin

- III. **Appointment of Alternates (if necessary):** None.

- IV. **Action on minutes of previous meeting of May 4, 2020:**

William Rewinski recommended changing reference from "Commission" to "Agency" in Section 5(a), 1st, 2nd, and 4th paragraphs.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Approve** the minutes of the May 4, 2020 IWWA meeting as amended. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- V. **Pending Applications**

- a. 03-20-03 – NW Swadia, LLC dba North Woodstock Country Store, 1484 Route 171 – Proposed Automobile Service Station

William Rewinski asked about the retention basin as referenced on the site plan. Engineer for the applicant, Calisto Bertin, stated that storage is 11,274 cubic feet. Mr. Rewinski asked how that related to certain storm frequencies (e.g., 50- and 100-year storms). Mr. Bertin explained that these are engineered to decrease the threat of runoff for any storms. They maintain the rate so the 11,000 cubic feet would not allow the runoff to increase. Mr. Bertin also confirmed that on C2.1 of the Site Plan, the Upland Review Area is in relation to the wetlands, and the wetlands are approximately 75 feet from the stream.

Mr. Bertin provided an overview of the fueling operation and associated precautionary measures, which has advanced past the current regulations. Mr. Bertin stated that a storm water maintenance manual will be created for the applicant to reference.

Mr. Bertin explained the run-off process and how far the canopy extends past the limiting barrier, which is less than one foot. Marla Butts asked if there would be any consideration to extend the canopy so that the limiting barrier is protected. Mr. Bertin stated he would further explore this and report back to the Agency.

Ms. Butts stated she was not prepared to render a decision due to insufficient time to review the documentation that was mailed to IWWA members. It was recommended that questions and concerns relative to this application be forwarded to Wetlands Agent Tina Lajoie within

the next two weeks. Ms. Lajoie will forward all comments to the applicant for a response prior to the next meeting. Additionally, Ms. Lajoie has larger site plans for this project, which she will mail to IWWA members prior to the next meeting. This item will be on the July 13, 2020 agenda.

VI. New Applications

a. 05-20-10 – Pratt, Joshua, 9 Bassett Hill Road – Restoring Pond

Tina Lajoie stated that the original permit to restore the above-referenced pond was on file in the Wetlands Office but expired a couple of years ago. The applicant is reapplying for the same permit (#09-09-23) to complete the dredging of the pond. Ms. Lajoie shared a picture of the original pond. It was recommended to investigate whether the old dam near the pond was registered.

Applicant Joshua Pratt conferenced into the meeting. He explained that there would be some digging in the back end of the pond, which has more clay. His intention is to make the back end closer to the original depth, which was 10 feet. Machinery being used for this project would include a 320 or 330 excavator. The clay and sediment that is taken out will be dispersed throughout the yard.

It was recommended that Mr. Pratt consider using a turbidity curtain for this project. This process is outlined in the E&S Control Guidelines.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Accept** application 05-20-10 – Pratt, Joshua, 9 Bassett Hill Road – Restoring Pond, which will be considered at the July 13, 2020 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Administrative Business¹

a. Other: None.

b. Wetlands Agent Activity Report: Ms. Lajoie received an application for an Eagle Scout project at Roseland Park. Specifically, replacing the deck area that had collapsed. Based on the information provided, Ms. Lajoie signed off on this project. The full activity report was distributed to Agency members prior to the meeting.

c. Update on 119 Crooked Trail Extension – Site Visit: Stuart Peaslee and Tina Lajoie visited the site and provided their findings, which was included in the meeting packets. Further discussion ensued. Stuart Peaslee supported conducting a second water test at this stage to update the current data on-hand.

It was determined that action in the form of a letter from the IWWA to the DEEP requesting further testing be done be prepared as per the approved motion at the May 4, 2020 IWWA meeting, which is summarized as follows:

“...to write a letter on behalf of the IWWA requesting the DEEP provide the IWWA with all information and documentation they have acquired to-date, as well as any further steps they will be taking on this issue. Additionally, the IWWA also recommends the DEEP pursue a water solubility test on 119 Crooked Trail Extension.”

Ms. Lajoie will draft at letter to Ray Frigon at the DEEP and send it to Agency members for review and feedback.

¹ 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. Bills: None.

e. Communications: Marla Butts recommended that a revision date be included on the Bylaws and that Page 3 be updated.

VIII. Citizen's Comments: None.

IX. Adjournment: Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Victory Peabody, to **Adjourn**. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

The recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://youtu.be/yXeK9lioW7o>

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.