

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 14, 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 7:01 pm.

Chairman Parker shared the protocol on conducting meetings via Zoom online.

- II. **Roll Call:**

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

Members Absent: Victor Peabody

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: Tina Lajoie, Arthur Kruger, Jeffrey Driscoll, John Wypychoski, Bruce Woodis, Sig Swanberg

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

- IV. **Action on minutes of previous meeting of August 3, 2020:**

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Approve** the minutes of the August 3, 2020 IWWA meeting as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- V. **Old Business:**

- a. 07-20-16 – Jeffrey Driscoll, 89 East Quasset Road – Rebuild 40 ft. wall on waterfront

Chairman Parker noted that Mr. Driscoll was online for the meeting. Wetlands Agent Tina Lajoie recited the details of the proposal. Mr. Driscoll answered questions from Agency members. Work will commence at the beginning of November. Agency members asked for a plan view and a locus map indicating the dimensions of the proposed work.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, that 07-20-16 – Jeffrey Driscoll, 89 East Quasset Road – Rebuild 40 ft. wall on waterfront be **Approved** on conditions that a plan view drawing be submitted along with a locus map showing the location of the property on the lake to the Wetlands Agent before initiating construction and repair. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- VI. **New Business:**

- a. 11-19-22M – Olshewski, Peter & Maureen, 674 Route 198 – Modification of use permitted as of right

Ms. Lajoie stated that she has received a complaint regarding this application and the potential disruption in the wetlands to neighboring properties. She shared that the original application did not include the road that was recently repaired. Sig Swanberg believes the old cart path that connects the rear property was included in the use permitted as of right approval in November 2019. Ms. Lajoie visited the site to view the repair and stated it appeared to be fine.

Mr. Peaslee and Mr. Rewinski did not recall mention of a road during the November 2019 meeting. Ms. Butts felt this modification should be tabled until further research is done before rendering a decision.

Mr. Swanberg stated the former cart path was repaired. The cross culvert was replaced, which is 20 ft. by 18 in. in diameter. Approximately between 60 and 80 cubic feet of material was used. The cart path was repaired so the farm equipment can get through and hay the field without using the main road. Mr. Swanberg stated the cart path only goes to the hayfield and it is not accessible in any other way.

Chairman Parker asked the owners to validate the use of the hayfield as an agricultural commodity.

It was recommended Mr. Swanberg submit a new request specific to the road and identify in writing the work that was done, the amount of material used, where the road is located, and a map with property boundaries.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Table** 11-19-22M – Olszewski, Peter & Maureen, 674 Route 198 – Modification of use permitted as of right until the expectation and additional information regarding court decisions be determined and provided. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- b. UP08-20-18 – Teresa Mead – 180 Converse Road – Map 5668, Block 05, Lot 23 – Timber harvest

Chairman Parker referenced several supporting documents regarding this application. Representing the applicant, Arthur Kruger confirmed there are two wetlands crossings, and an old roadbed will be used for the equipment. Work would commence during the cold and frost season. A timber harvester has not been identified at this time to do the work. He will provide for the file the Massachusetts Best Management Practices being used.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Approve** application UP08-20-18 – Teresa Mead – 180 Converse Road – Map 5668, Block 05, Lot 23 – Timber harvest as a use permitted as of right with a condition that the Massachusetts Best Management Practices document referenced in the application be placed in the file. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- c. 08-20-21 – John Wypychoski, 179 Laurel Hill Drive – Alteration; landscaping, creation of beach area, retaining wall repair and walkway with stairs

Chairman Parker referenced the supporting materials relating to this application. Mr. Wypychoski answered questions from Agency members. He explained the existing wall is leaning forward and described the project details. He confirmed that all work being done is out of the water. The intention is to begin work after the water is drawn down.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Accept** application 08-20-21 – John Wypychoski, 179 Laurel Hill Drive – Alteration; landscaping, creation of beach area, retaining wall repair and walkway with stairs for consideration at next month's meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Agency members recommended Mr. Wypychoski provide a sequence of construction and sediment control process prior to the next IWWA meeting.

d. 09-20-23 – Noreen Stehlik – 294 Route 198 – Phragmite removal in pond

Bruce Woodis was present representing the applicant. He provided details regarding the small pond, which is overgrown with phragmites. After researching remediation techniques online, he suggested a small excavating machine be used to access the edge of the pond from all sides and attempt to remove the phragmites by digging out the roots. A photo of the pond was provided in the meeting packets. It was mentioned the pond is 80' x 115', and approximately 500-800 cubic yards of material would be removed.

Mr. Woodis asked Agency members for their recommendations. Marla Butts suggested the possibility of dredging the pond and provided details on how to accomplish it. Chairman Parker offered to contact a representative at the state level to understand the methods used for phragmites remediation. Stuart Peaslee and Tina Lajoie will coordinate a site visit with Mr. Woodis.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Accept** application 09-20-23 – Noreen Stehlik – 294 Route 198 – Phragmite removal in pond for consideration at next month's meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

e. 09-20-24 – William Stehlik – 1030 Route 198 – Phragmite removal in pond

Mr. Woodis explained the property location. Photos of the pond were included in the packets. The pond has an inlet and outlet. Ms. Butts suggested reviewing the E&S Guidelines relative to pond cleaning.

Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by Stuart Peaslee, to **Accept** application 09-20-24 – William Stehlik – 1030 Route 198 – Phragmite removal in pond for consideration at next month's meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report: Tina Lajoie provided a report to Agency members including complaints received and applications she has approved. She will attempt to investigate a previous inquiry regarding clearing being done on Route 198. Last, she reported that the engineer involved in the proposed gas station on Route 171 contacted the town engineer regarding the anti-seep collar recommendation from the IWWA, and the town engineer offered that they were not desirable. Ms. Lajoie will forward the communication to Agency members.

a. Other Administrative Business¹

- i. Update on 119 Crooked Trail Extension – letter to DEEP: Ms. Lajoie has not received a response to the letter sent to the DEEP.

b. Communications: None.

c. Bills: None.

VIII. Citizens' Comments/Other Topics: Ms. Lajoie shared a letter from NECCOG requesting each town appoint a volunteer drought coordinator, and she shared the duties and responsibilities with IWWA members. The Board of Selectmen's Office is reaching out to several boards and commissions within the town to garner interest. The next IWWA meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, at 7 pm.

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.

IX. Adjournment: Motion was made by Marla Butts, and **Seconded** by William Rewinski, to **Adjourn**. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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

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.