

Inland Wetlands Commission

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

September 9, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Video Conference

Members Present: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bedini, Mr. LaMuniere, Ms. Branson, Mr. Gendron, Alt.

Staff Present: Ms. White, Mr. Tsacoyannis

Public Present: Mr. Neff, Ms. Cone Gorham, Mr. DiRienzo, Mr. Charles, Members of the Public

Call to Order:

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Members Seated: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bedini, Ms. Branson, Mr. LaMuniere

Consideration of the Minutes (0:11):

Regular Meeting Minutes: 8-26-2020:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 8-26-2020, by Mr. Bedini, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 9-01-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by Ms. Branson - Slackman, Cone-Gorham/95 Christian St/Application for Permit #IW-20-44:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 09-01-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by Ms. Branson - Slackman/Cone-Gorham/95 Christian St/Application for Permit #IW-20-44, by Ms. Branson, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 9-01-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by Mr. LaMuniere - Fisher/66 Calhoun St/Application for Permit #IW-20-46:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 09-01-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by Mr. LaMuniere - Fisher/66 Calhoun St/Application for Permit #IW-20-46, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 9-03-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by L. Gendron - Klein/285 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-20-45:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 09-03-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by Mr. Gendron – Klein/285 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-20-45, by Mr. LaMuniere, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Subsequent Business (03:48):

There was no subsequent business to add to the agenda.

Pending Applications:

Seated: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Bedini, Ms. Branson

Slackman, Cone-Gorham/95 Christian St/Application for Permit #IW-20-44/Construct addition within wetland soils (03:56):

The Commissioners did not have any further questions regarding this application.

Motion: To approve the application submitted by Slackman, Cone-Gorham for the property located at 95 Christian St for Permit #IW-20-44 to construct an addition within wetland soils per untitled map dated August 17, 2020, drafted by Herbert Moore as well as the application dated 8-17-2020 and supporting documents, this permit is valid for two (2) years and is subject to the following conditions: 1. that the Land Use Office be notified 48 hours prior to the commencement of work so the Wetlands Enforcement Officer can inspect and approve the erosion control measures, 2. that the property owner gives the contractor copies of both the motion of approval and approved plans prior to the commencement of work, and 3. any changes to the plans as approved must be submitted to the Commission for review. The Commission has determined that there is no reasonable probability of significant adverse impact on any wetlands or watercourses, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

Klein/285 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-20-45/To remove debris from swamp (07:02):

Mr. Dirienzo, Environmental Consultant was present to represent the property owners.

The Commissioners stated that the site inspection was helpful and did not have any questions or concerns regarding this application.

Motion: To approve the application submitted by Klein for the property located at 285 West Shore Road for Permit #IW-20-45 to remove debris from the swamp per the map with handwritten title "Debris Removal Project – West Shore Road" and additions by R. Dirienzo on original map titled "Property Boundary Survey Family Partition Plan" prepared for Leila Klein and Linda Cannizzaro, application dated August 18, 2020, and supporting documents, this permit is valid for two (2) years with the following conditions: 1. that the Land Use Office be notified 48 hours prior to the commencement of work so the Wetlands Enforcement Officer can inspect and approve the erosion control measures, 2. that the property owner gives the contractor copies of both the motion of approval and approved plans prior to the commencement of work, and 3. any changes to the plans as approved must be submitted to the Commission for review. The Commission has determined that there is no reasonable probability of significant adverse impact on any wetlands or watercourses, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. LaMuniere, passed by 5-0 vote.

Fisher/66 Calhoun St/Application for Permit #IW-20-46/Construction of Swimming Pool within review area (10:00):

Mr. Neff, PE, was present to represent the property owner. He informed the Commission that the applicants are purchasing the property from Ms. Fisher.

The Commission requested a revised plan indicating the power line that will be installed from the garage to the pool equipment. Mr. LaMuniere suggested that this be an additional condition of approval.

Ms. White confirmed that an agent authorization letter is on file, signed by Ms. Fisher. There were no further questions or concerns.

Motion: To approve the application submitted by Neff for Figari-Garcia/Fisher for the property located at 66 Calhoun Street for Permit #IW-20-46 to construct an in-ground swimming pool and concrete pad for equipment within review area per map titled "Proposed Swimming Pool Plan," dated 7-20-2020 with a revision date of 8-15-2020, prepared for Laurel Fisher Residence, by Brian E. Neff, Licensed Engineer along with the application signed and dated 8-21-2020, submitted 08-24-2020 with supporting documents, this permit is valid for two (2) years and is subject to the following conditions: 1. That a revised "Proposed Swimming Pool Plan" is submitted showing the power line from the garage to pool equipment, 2. that the Land Use Office be notified 48 hours prior to the commencement of work so the Wetlands Enforcement Officer can inspect and approve the erosion control measures, 3. that the property owner gives the contractor copies of both the motion of approval and approved plans prior to the commencement of work, and 4. any changes to the plans as approved must be submitted to the Commission for review. The Commission has determined that there is no reasonable probability of significant adverse impact on any wetlands or watercourses, by Mr. LaMuniere, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

Glover/63 Wykeham Rd/Application for Permit #IW-20-47/Site Improvements within review area (15:08)

There was no one present to represent this application.

The Commissioners requested two more full-size hard copies of the site plan as the elevations do not show on the scanned copy that was sent to them via email. A site inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th at 4 pm.

Ms. White stated that she would confirm with Mr. Wilson, Agent for the property owner, and report back to the Commissioners.

New Applications:

Aquarion/12 Bell Hill Rd/Application to Request Exemption #IW-20-48E/Construct 12' access way for two future wells (18:43):

It was noted that Aquarion Water Company is a public water supply company and therefore the work that they are proposing falls under Section 4 of The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Washington:

"4.01 The following operations and uses shall be permitted in inland wetlands, and upland review areas as of right:

- e) Construction and operation, by water companies, as defined by Section 16-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or by municipal water supply systems as provided for in Chapter 102 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, of dams, reservoirs, and other facilities necessary to the impounding, storage, and withdrawal of

water in connection with public water supplies except as provided in Sections 22a-401 and 22a-403 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.”

The Commissioners discussed and agreed that the Inland Wetlands Commission does not have jurisdiction over the activity described in the request for an Exemption #IW-20-48E.

Exemption #IW-20-48E was granted by a vote of 5-0.

Trevenen/69 Wykeham Rd/Application for Permit #IW-20-49/Construct garage addition and cut trees within review area (26:00):

The Commission accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30.

Ms. White requested another full-size site plan be dropped off at the Town Hall for the Commissioners to reference at the site inspection.

Other Business (27:40):

There was no other business to discuss.

Enforcement (27:45):

Enforcement Activity Report &

List of Files Closed by WEO – Projects Signed Off as Completed Per Approved Permit:

- 131 West Shore Rd: Mr. Tsacoyannis stated that he visited the property and all of the plantings have been installed and the approved submitted planting plan was followed.
- 25 West Shore Rd: Mr. Tsacoyannis stated that he will check the soil and erosion controls and request that an insert in the catch basin be installed.

Administrative:

There was no administrative business to discuss.

Communications:

There were no communications to discuss.

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm, by Mr. Papsin.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shelley White
Land Use Administrator
September 11, 2020