

Inland Wetlands Commission

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

December 9, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Video Conference

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

Staff Present: Ms. White, Mr. Tsacoyannis

Public Present: None

Call to Order:

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Consideration of the Minutes (00:40):

Regular Meeting Minutes: 11-24-2020:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes: 11-24-2020, by Mr. LaMuniere, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 12-02-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by L. Gendron & S. Branson – Kassis/6 & 16 West Mountain Rd/Application requesting Farm Exemption IW-20-67E:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 12-02-2020 – Site Inspection Report Submitted by L. Gendron and S. Branson - Kassis/6 & 16 West Mountain Rd/Application #IW-20-67E requesting Farm Exemption, by Mr. LaMuniere, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Subsequent Business (01:24):

None

Pending Applications:

Kassis/16 West Mountain Rd/Application to request Exemption #IW-20-67E/Farming activity for xmas tree farm and pond (01:27):

Mr. Papsin noted that the IWC has jurisdiction on the proposed pond because it is in the upland review area and will require a separate application for creation of the pond.

Ms. White stated that the WEO has some recommendations for the creation of the pond regarding a maintenance plan, etc. She noted that she did not receive hard copies of the revised plan yet.

There was a brief discussion regarding the previous exemption and this current one. The Commissioners agreed that this was an entirely new request for an exemption, not an amendment to

the previous exemption and that a separate application should be submitted for the creation of the pond. The new application for the proposed pond should include a site plan with an accurate depiction of the pond size and location. The Commissioners discussed how they would like a formal letter from Mr. Kassis stating that he is withdrawing his previous exemption and substituting it with this application.

Ms. White will contact Counsel to find out if a letter from the property owner should be submitted that states that the previous exemption has been withdrawn or vacated.

New Applications:

None

Other Business:

None

Administrative:

Consideration of the 2021 Meeting Calendar for the Inland Wetlands Commission (13:30):

Motion: To approved the 2021 Meeting Calendar for the Inland Wetlands Commission as submitted by Mr. LaMunier, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

Enforcement (15:15):

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

(Due to technical difficulties Mr. Tsacoyannis was in attendance by phone)

Mr. Tsacoyannis reviewed his staff report:

- 99 West Shore Rd: Hearing was held and the appeal was denied. Property owner will pay the fine.
- 24 Sabbaday Rd: WEO was unable to get in contact with the property owners but followed up with an email requesting a IW Permit application for the work that was done that was not permitted.
- 25 West Shore Rd: Mr. Tsacoyannis stated that he has not heard from the First Selectman regarding the possible fine but will update the IWC when he does.
- 6 & 16 West Mountain Rd: Mr. Tsacoyannis feels that the submission of a separate application for the creation of the pond that includes a creation and maintenance plan.
- 28 Tinker Hill Rd: WEO gave a brief update.
- 60 River Rd: Continuing work on the barn and farming is almost complete. The area previous cleared is stable.
- 90 Tinker Hill Rd: The WEO stated that he followed up with the property engineer and landscape architect and is waiting for a response.

Communications:

There were no communications to discuss.

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm, by Mr. Papsin.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shelley White
Land Use Administrator
December 16, 2020

