

# Inland Wetlands Commission

## Regular Meeting

### MINUTES

July 28, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Video Conference

**Members Present:** Mr. Papsin, Ms. Branson, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Audet, Ms. Bogue, Alt.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Bennett

**Staff Present:** Ms. White

**Public Present:** Mr. Francis, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Hileman, Ms. Zaukauskus, S. Sabin

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Members Seated:** Mr. Papsin, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Branson, Ms. Audet

**Consideration of the Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting Minutes: 07-14-21:**

**Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 07-14-2021, by Ms. Branson, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 4-0 vote.

**Subsequent Business:**

None to add

**Pending Applications:**

None

**New Applications:**

**A. H. Howland for Cesari-Bernard/99 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-42/Septic and well within regulated area:**

Mr. Francis from Arthur H. Howland and Associates was present to represent the property owners of 99 West Shore Rd.

There was a brief discussion regarding the pipe that extends over West Shore Rd at this property.

The Commission scheduled a site inspection for Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 4 pm.

**Schwarz-Kleger/66 Upper Church Hill Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-43/Build pool partially within regulated area:**

Mr. Schwarz was present to discuss this application. He explained that they are planning a pool with a dry laid stone patio.

Ms. White confirmed that Ms. Payne, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission was notified as the Town of Washington owns a conservation easement abutting this property. Ms. Payne confirmed that this proposed project would not affect the conservation easement.

The Commission asked Mr. Schwarz to provide a plan showing where the stock pile and silt fencing will be located.

The Commission scheduled a site inspection for Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5 pm.

### **Enforcement:**

●169 West Shore Rd – Mr. Schwartz, Property owner, and Mr. S. Sabin, of Sabin Landscape Architects, were present to discuss the dumping of debris at the rear of this property within the wetlands. Mr. Schwartz stating that he is willing to clean up the debris but that he did not dump the debris at the top of his property. He stated that he is unable to see that area of his property and is not sure who was dumping the debris up there. Mr. Schwartz explained to the IWC that his contractor was instructed to take the debris offsite or grade it into the property. He noted that Tinker Hill Road is in poor shape and is eroding into the properties that run alongside it.

It was noted that Mr. Schwartz would need to submit an application to correct a violation to clean up the debris.

There was a brief discussion regarding possible planting of fescue to help with the erosion and erecting “no dumping signs.”

Mr. Schwartz asked if the fine could be rescinded because he will be spending thousands of dollars cleaning this up.

The Commission responded that they would contact counsel to see what could be done. Mr. Papsin explained that if the fine could not be rescinded Mr. Schwartz could meet with an Appeals Officer.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he should have a plan and an application in for the August 25th Meeting.

### **Other Business:**

Mr. Hileman, Chairman of the Planning Commission, explained that they are starting the process of revising the POCD and at this point is looking for input from the Town Commission Members.

Mr. Papsin stated that he would prefer that development along the Marbledale Rt. 202 corridor not increase as the East Aspetuck River is a Class 3 Trout Stream and should be protected.

Mr. Hileman explained that the Zoning Commission is revising their business district regulations at the moment but does not see that the terrain, the wetlands regulations and the zoning regulations would allow for much more development in that area.

Mr. Hileman discussed the different components that will be discussed in the 2023 POCD such as economic development and affordable housing. He did mention that he felt that the last POCD did not address the area around Lake Waramaug and that the Planning Commission will have to take a closer

look at that. Mr. Hileman briefly addressed the communications infrastructure and the Town's goal to update it so that more professionals can telecommute or work at home successfully.

**Enforcement, cont.**

The IW Commissioners expressed concern about the work that is going on at the "Eagles Nest" property. Ms. White confirmed that some type of construction/silt fencing should be around that tree to protect it from being disturbed.

**Administrative:**

The IW Commissioners were reminded that Site Inspection Reports need to be submitted within 7 days of the site inspection.

There was a brief discussion as to whether the new permitting software would be able to flag properties that have maintenance plans as part of their IW permits.

**Communications:**

No communications to discuss

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm, by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully Submitted,

*Shelley White*

Shelley White  
Land Use Administrator  
August 3, 2021

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