

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
October 13, 2021
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Branson, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Bogue, Alt. Mr. Koppel, Alt., Via Zoom: Ms. Dubow, Alt.

Members Absent: Ms. Audet

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

Public Present: Mr. Forese, Mr. Neff

Regular Business:

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

Members Seated: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Bogue. Alt. for Ms. Branson, Mr. Koppel, Alt. for Ms. Audet

Consideration of the Minutes (00:36):

9-22-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 9-22-2021 as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 09-28-2021 Site Inspection Report – 139 Wykeham Rd – Permit #IW-21-49- submitted by L. Gendron:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes – Site Inspection Report written by Mr. Gendron for the 09-28-2021 Site Inspection at 139 Wykeham Road - Application for Permit #IW-21-49, by Ms. Bogue, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Subsequent Business:

None added

Pending Applications:

Bond/139 Wykeham Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-49/ Install generator, underground LP tank and trenching in review area (01:40):

This application was withdrawn by the property owner.

Herrmann/92 East St/Application for Permit #IW-21-50/Pond Dredging (01:49):

The Commission accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 4 p.m.

7:08 p.m. Ms. Branson arrived and was seated. Ms. Bogue was unseated.

Neff for MFINN2013, LLC/118 Woodbury Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-51/Main Pond Dredging (03:44):

The Commission reviewed the plan titled “Main Pond Dredging Plan” dated 9-13-2021.

Mr. Neff, P.E. stated that the water flow would not be interrupted the work area will be adjacent the driveway which will provide an area for dewatering. He explained that this silt pond is a buffer for downstream areas and is filled so it needs to be dredged approximately every 15 years.

There were no further questions or discussions from the Commissioners.

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-21-51, submitted by B. Neff for MFINN2013, LLC. at 118 Woodbury Rd for dredging of the main pond per the plans titled “Main Pond Dredging Plan” dated 9-13-2021, sheet 1 of 1, prepared for Mayflower Inn, by Brian E. Neff, Licensed Engineer and application dated 9/16/2021 with accompanying documentation. 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. the approval of this permit is conditioned upon the performance and completion of all proposed activities and/or improvements in totality to the satisfaction of the Inland Wetlands Commission. There shall not be any modification of any kind to the plans and/or scope/sequence of the proposed activities and/or improvements shown on the approved plans without prior approval of the Inland Wetlands Commission or its designee. In approving this application, the Commission has considered all of the relevant criteria pursuant to Sections 11.02, 11A and 12.08 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations and finds that the proposed regulated activities as presented on the plans and conditioned herein, are not reasonably likely to lead to significant adverse impacts on any wetlands and watercourses, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

There were no new applications.

Other Business:

Discussion of Tree Clear Cutting Regulations – Working with Conservation Commission & Zoning Commission (09:44):

Ms. Branson reported that she attended the last Conservation Commission on October 6th and presented the format that she created for the Tree Clear Cutting Regulations that were submitted by the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission reviewed the language and made some minor changes. Ms. Payne, Chair of the CC, will send Ms. White a

request to present the proposed changes to the regulations for the next Zoning Commission meeting on October 25, 2021.

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives (17:00):

Ms. Haverstock explained the Land Use Office is working on enforcement as well as how to assist residents with compliance of the regulations.

- 134 Roxbury Rd - The property owner has sent in his fine and a permit application with a fee and the Land Use Office has requested an A-2 survey to accompany the permit application. The property owner has agreed to submit an A-2 survey with the application and should be available to be submitted in the next couple of weeks.
- 255 New Milford Tnpk – Mr. Dobson, property owner, has discussed with Ms. Haverstock that they are going to appeal the citation through the process according to Ordinance #720.
- 25 Juniper Meadow Rd – Mr. Hunt submitted a planting plan that was approved administratively and has notified the Land Use Office that they would begin work and notify the EO when finished.
- 236 Nettleton Hollow Rd – Ms. Haverstock and Ms. White have reviewed the file and the work is currently in process is in compliance with the permit that was approved.
- 24 Sabbaday Ln – the EO conducted a follow up site inspection for the bridge that was installed on the property and an Inland Wetlands Compliance Certificate was issued.
- Generator Permitting Process Pamphlet - Ms. Haverstock explained there have been a significant increase in requests to install standby generators and in an effort to assist the residents and/or contractors through the process, Land Use Office has included this pamphlet on their page on the Town website as well as have pamphlets available in the office.
- 169 West Shore – Ms. White stated that the Land Use Office has not received anything from Mr. Schwartz.

Administrative Business:

None to discuss

Communications:

6-16 West Mountain Rd– Signed Lease to graze livestock, discussion of proposed farm pond (28:18):

Ms. Haverstock sent Mr. Kassis and email with a list of steps that need to be done along with contacts to NRCS to aid him in the process.

The IWC feels that an accurate engineered plan is necessary to protect the wetlands, address concerns regarding buffering, the sustainability of the pond, and to insure it would not adversely affect the surrounding properties.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator
10-20-2021

Link to recording of meeting:

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