

**Town of Washington  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Video Conference**

**Members Present:** Mr. Papsin, Mr. LaMuniere, Ms. Branson, Mr. Bedini

**Members Absent:** Mr. Bennett,

**Staff Present:** Ms. White, Mr. Tsacoyannis

**Also Present:** Mr. Francis, Mr. Tobin

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**Seated: Mr. Papsin, Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Bedini**

**Consideration of the Minutes (00:21):**

**Regular Meeting Minutes: 4-22-2020:**

The Commissioners considered the April 22, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Papsin stated that the Special Meeting Minutes - Site Visit Reports were submitted by Ms. Branson for 82 Baldwin Hill Rd Site Visit Report, and Mr. Bennett for 127 West Shore Rd Site Visit Report.

**MOTION:** To approve the April 22, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended, by Mr. Bedini, seconded by Mr. LaMuniere, passed 3-0 vote.

**Subsequent Business (01:29):**

There was no subsequent business to add to the agenda.

**Pending Applications:**

**Arthur H. Howland & Associates for Angelo/82 Baldwin Hill Road/Application for Permit #IW-20-14/ Demolition and construction of residence and garage within the existing footprint and regrading existing manmade pond (01:36):**

Mr. Francis, EIT, was present to represent the property owner for this application. It was noted that the revised plan titled "Proposed Site Development & Septic Code Complying Area Plan" prepared for Jesse Michael Angelo by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, sheet SD.1 did not have a revision date on it. Mr. Francis noted that the correction of the pond sequence of construction was added per the request of the Commissioners at the site visit.

The Commission requested that under the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, note 1.6.1 a,b & c should state that these control measures are to occur before demolition/construction instead of only construction. The Commissioners requested that the plan also show all of the revision dates.

**7:17 pm – Ms. Branson is seated**

**MOTION:** To approve the application submitted by Arthur H. Howland & Associates for Angelo at 82 Baldwin Hill Rd for Permit #IW-20-14 for demolition and reconstruction of residence and garage in existing footprint and regrading of existing manmade pond per plan titled "Proposed Site Development & Septic Code Complying Area Plan" prepared for Jesse Michael Angelo by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, sheet SD.1 with revision dates of 4/22/2020, and 5/13/2020 and the accompanying documents on file for this application. This permit is valid for five (5) years and is subject to the following conditions: 1. that the Land Use Office be notified at least 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 give 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 immediately to the Commission for review, the Commission has determined that no reasonable and prudent alternatives exist, and believes that there is no reasonable probability of significant adverse impact on any wetlands or watercourses, by Mr. LaMunier and seconded by Mr. Bedini, passed by 4-0 vote.

**Tobin for Donovan/127 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit # IW-20-15/to build shed within the review area (12:10):**

Mr. Tobin was present to represent the property owner and confirmed that the new shed that they are proposing has decreased in size to 6 ft. by 8 ft from 8 ft by 16 ft. He stated that none of the shrubbery will be removed. Mr. Tobin confirmed that due to the pending application with the ZBA/Zoning they have labelled the shed as a boathouse. The structure will be placed on 7 inches of crushed stone and there will not be any anchors or piers.

The Commissioners agreed that the shed be referred to a boathouse. They scheduled a site visit for Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at this address for 4pm and requested that the location of the boathouse be staked out.

**New Applications:**

**A.H. Howland & Associates for LGA Holdings, LLC/23 Loomarwick Rd (lakeside)/Application for Permit #IW-20-19/ Lakeside improvements (21:34):**

The Commissioners accepted the application as complete and scheduled a site visit for Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at this address for 4:30pm.

**Town of Washington/5 East Shore/Application for Permit #IW-20-21/Invasive removal and regular maintenance (24:06):**

The Commissioners scheduled a site visit for Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at this address for 5:15 pm.

**McCullers/4 Plumb Hill Rd/Application for Permit #IW-20-22/Stone Terrace Modifications & Tree Removal (25:36):**

Ms. White noted that the application is complete. However, she noted that she needed to review the plans further. It was noted that if there is an in-office agent approval that would be indicating that the IWC has jurisdiction over this.

**Enforcement:**

**Enforcement Activity Report (28:29):**

Mr. Tsacoyannis review his report with the Commissioners:

- 9 Findlay Rd: Equipment was discovered on the property and the property owner was planning on installing a 15' x 15' asphalt pad in the upland review area, no wetlands in the area, and have ceased operations and were advised to apply for an IW Permit which will be an administrative approval.
- 143 West Shore Rd: Mr. Tsacoyannis stated that he issued a cease and desist order and a fine after the last meeting. He talked to the property owner and it was determined that the work being done was not a regulated activity. Mr. Tsacoyannis withdrew the fine and the cease and desist order was rescinded.

Mr. Tsacoyannis reviewed the permits that were closed and the agent approvals that had been issued since the last IWC meeting.

- 47 West Shore: Mr. Tsacoyannis stated that he did a site inspection for sedimentation and erosion controls for the silt fence and the water boom and everything looked fine. The property owner told him that he estimated a days work to remove the terrace and to excavate into the shoreline bank to place the new seating area. Mr. Tsacoyannis will be monitoring the work on a regular basis and at the beginning of each phase.
- 60 River Road: Mr. Tsacoyannis noted that a planting plan may not be requested because there is no active IW permit for the activity because an exemption was granted. He does monitor the site and drives by approximately once or twice a week. He did notice at 76 or 80 River Rd that there was some removal of some invasives within the area of the wetland watercourse and he will follow up on this.
- 136 West Shore Road: The previously issued fine was paid on January 10, 2020.
- 127 West Shore Road: Property owners have been informed that the shrubs that are parallel to the road need to be cut to two feet in height. This is a zoning issue.
- 169 West Shore Road: Mr. Tsacoyannis stated that he will following up with the property owners regarding a planting plan.
- 323 West Shore Road: It was noted that the property owner has a two year permit.

#### **Other Business:**

There was no other business to discuss.

#### **Administrative Business:**

There was no administrative business to discuss.

#### **Communications (38:50):**


Ms. White stated that she received responses from counsel regarding proposed changes to the regulations and she just needed to organize them and would disseminate the information to the Commissioners for their review.

There was a brief discussion regarding scheduling a special meeting to discuss and asking the First Selectman if this could be done in the auditorium of the Town Hall to allow social distancing among the Commissioners. Mr. Papsin stated that he would talk to First Selectman Brinton about the possibility.

#### **Adjournment:**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:51 pm by Mr. Papsin, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shelley" being more prominent than the last name "White".

Shelley White, Land Use Administrator  
May 20, 2020