

# Inland Wetlands Commission

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Hybrid

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:00 p.m. - Main Conference Room/Zoom

**Members Present:** R. Papsin, J. Audet, L. Gendron, J. Anthony-Bogue

**Members Absent:** B. Bennett

**Alternates Present:** C. Koppel, M. Dubow

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**Staff Present:** M. Haverstock, T. Rill

**Public Present:** P. Szymanski, J. Blore, S. Curran, I. Branson, M. Gawel, J. Haestad, A. Haestad, A. Jamieson (Press: Voices)

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

He seated himself, Ms. Audet, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Anthony Bogue, and Mr. Koppel for Mr. Bennett.

## **Consideration of the Minutes:**

Regular Meeting Minutes: 01-24-2024:

**MOTION:** To approve the 01-24-2024 Washington Inland Wetlands Meeting Minutes as submitted by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, approved unanimously.

01-30-2024 Site Inspection Report for #IW-23-79 for 5 East Shore Rd., by C. Koppel:

**MOTION:** To approve the 01-31-2024 Site Inspection Report for #IW-23-79 for 5 East Shore Rd., as submitted by C. Koppel, by Mr. Gendron, seconded by Ms. Audet, approved unanimously.

## **Motion to Include Subsequent Business Not Already Posted on the Agenda:**

None.

## **Pending Applications:**

Arthur H. Howland & Associates for Stiteler/198 Tinker Hill Rd./#IW-23-81/for a boat house:

Paul Szymanski was present to represent the property owner.

The Commission has requested that the applicant remove number eight from the sequence of construction and add that they will grind the stump of the dead maple tree. Mr. Szymanski signed and dated the plans for this edit.

Ms. Anthony-Bogue did not have access to the current plans, so she would be abstaining from voting.

**MOTION:** To approve the application for Permit #IW-23-81/Arthur H. Howland and Associates for Stiteler/198 Tinker Hill Rd./for a boat house as shown in the application with accompanying documentation, including “**Proposed Site Development and Soil Erosion Control Plan – Proposed Boathouse,**” prepared for Stiteler by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, PC, sheet SD.2 revision date of February 7, 2024, with the removal of number eight (8) and the addition of “removal and grinding of one maple stump”, signed and dated February 14, 2024, by Paul Szymanski, Drawing titled “**Boat House Plans & Elevations,**” prepared for Stiteler by Peter Talbot Architects, sheet BH.1 with revision date of February 7, 2024. This permit is valid for five (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, 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. 4. The removal of number eight on page SD.2, with the addition of “removal and grinding of one maple stump”. 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 Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, with Ms. Anthony-Bogue abstaining due to lack of updated plan review. Approved 4-1-0 vote.

**Cardinal Engineering for the Town of Washington/5 East Shore Rd./ #IW-23-79/ Rehabilitation of the New Preston Dam:**

Darin Lemire of Cardinal Engineering was present to represent the Town of Washington.

The Commission noted that the updated plans will need accurate revision dates on each page.

The Commission also requests the following: a copy of the sediment management plan that was submitted to DEEP, a sequence of construction, the location of the soil stock piling and de-watering site on the plans (if one is needed), and daily monitoring reports submitted to the Commission.

The Commission tabled the application for the February 28, 2024, Inland Wetlands Commission meeting.

**New Applications to be Received by the Commission:**

**ROMAC, LLC/74 River Rd./#IW-24-1/to demolish and rebuild a single-family home with a new septic system and well within 200’ of river:**

The Commission accepted the application and scheduled a Site Walk for February 26, 2024, at 3:00pm

Sabin Landscape Architects for Edelestein/Salles/274 Nettleton Hollow Rd./#IW-24-2/to build a deck, patio, slab steps and plantings within URA

The Commission accepted the application and scheduled at Site Walk for February 20, 2024, at 3:00pm  
Sabin Landscape Architects for Aguizy/Binnie/35 South St./to rebuild a deck and pergola with plantings within URA:

The Commission accepted the application and scheduled a Site Walk for February 20, 2024, immediately following the prior Site Walk.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business for this meeting.

**Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives:**

Ms. Haverstock reviewed the properties that she and Chair Papsin have visited for Site Inspections (see attached).

**217 West Shore Road - #IW-23- Notice of Violation:**

Mr. Szymanski and Mr. Blore were present to represent the property owner.

The Commission has requested that the report from Lord Tree Experts be submitted for review along with alternatives for the least amount of disturbance for the stairs.

Ms. Audet noted that on the approved plans, it states that, "all of the large stones in that area will be kept in place".

**32 Lower Church Hill Road - #IW-23-67 – Notice of Violation:**

Ian Branson, State Licensed Forester, Michael Gawel, contractor and Steven Curran, property owner, were present.

Mr. Branson detailed his submitted report to the Commission on the best options in his opinion to clean up the site, which included clearing of the wood that will promote more sunlight, more vegetation and regrowth, improvement of the preserving of soil and natural succession. He noted his concern of invasive species in the area.

Chair Papsin requested that the Commission read Mr. Branson's report and submit any questions they may have to Ms. Haverstock by Thursday, February 22, 2024.

The Commission has requested the following from the applicant: a quantifying report on the downed trees, a sequence of construction, an invasive species control management plan and that a Landscape Architect be present at the February 28, 2024, Inland Wetlands meeting.

**Administrative Business:**

None.

**Communications:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

To adjourn the February 14, 2024, Washington Inland Wetlands Commission meeting at 8:25pm, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Koppel, approved unanimously.

Meeting Recording can be found here:

[IWC 2-14-24.WMA](#)

Dated: 02-16-24

Signed,

*Tammy Rill*

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Land Use Clerk

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\*Minutes filed, subject to approval

Date	Site Inspection	Notes
Thursday, January 25, 2024	32 Lower Church Hill	Site review
Thursday, January 25, 2024	Upper Church Hill	Site review/letter of clarification of activity
Thursday, January 25, 2024	South Street	Site review/letter of clarification of activity
Thursday, January 25, 2024	18 Parsonage Lane	Site review / no construction
Thursday February 1, 2024	178 Shearer Road	Preapplication site visit
Thursday February 1, 2024	12 Green Hill Road	Preapplication site visit
Thursday February 1, 2024	74 River Road	Preapplication site visit
Thursday February 1, 2024	West Shore Road	Permit reviews/S&E control
Thursday February 8, 2024	Meaker Swamp	Wetland observations
Thursday February 8, 2024	Rabbit Hill & Couch Road	Wetland observations, drainage
Thursday February 8, 2024	Romford Road	Rumsey Hall drainage
Thursday February 8, 2024	Wheaton Road	Drainage systems near project sites