

Inland Wetlands Commission

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Hybrid

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

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

Members Absent: B. Bennett

Alternates Present: C. Koppel

Alternates Absent: M. Dubow

Staff Present: M. Haverstock, T. Rill

Public Present: R. Rosiello, J. Haestad, A. Haestad, C. Pottbecker, D. Lemire, S. Sabin, C. Sweeny, I. Branson, M. Gawel

Chair Papsin called the meeting to order 7:01pm.

He seated himself, J. Audet, L. Gendron, J. Anthony-Bogue and C. Koppel for B. Bennett

Consideration of the Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes: 02-14-2024:

MOTION: To approve the 02-14-2024 Washington Inland Wetlands Meeting Minutes as submitted by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, approved unanimously.

02-20-2024 Site Inspection Report for #IW-24-2 for 274 Nettleton Hollow Rd., by C. Koppel:

MOTION: To approve the 02-20-2024 Site Inspection Report for #IW-24-2 for 274 Nettleton Hollow Rd., by C. Koppel as submitted by Ms. Audet, seconded by Ms. Anthony-Bogue, approved unanimously.

2-20-2024 Site Inspection Report for #IW-24-3, 35 South St., by J. Anthony-Bogue:

MOTION: To approve the 2-20-2024 Site Inspection Report for #IW-24-3, 35 South St., by J. Anthony-Bogue as submitted by Mr. Koppel, seconded by Mr. Gendron, approved unanimously.

2-26-24 Site Inspection Report for #IW-24-1, 74 River Rd., by J. Audet:

MOTION: To approve the 2-26-24 Site Inspection Report for #IW-24-1, 74 River Rd., by J. Audet by Mr. Gendron, seconded by Ms. Anthony-Bogue, approved unanimously.

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

None.

Pending Applications:

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

This discussion was tabled because the Commission did not have enough time to review the plans. Chair Papsin requested that five sets of plans for the Commission be provided prior to the March 13, 2024, meeting.

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:

Mr. and Mrs. Haestad, owners of the property, were present.

The Commission requested that any updates to the plans come to the IWC in the form of a modification and all underground service lines be shown on the plans.

MOTION: To approve the application for Permit #IW-24-1/ROMAC, LLC/74 River Road/to demolish and rebuild a single-family home with a new septic system and well within 200' of river as shown in the application with accompanying documentation, including "Site Plan and Subsurface Sewage Disposal Plan," prepared for Romac LLC – 74 River Rd, by Wolff Engineering, sheet 1 & 2 of 2 dated 2-4-2024,"74 River Rd, Washington Depot, CT 06794 – Construction Sequence for House Demolition and Redevelopment," dated Sunday, February 4, 2024, 3 pages. This permit is valid for five (5) 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. Any underground service lines will be shown on the plans. 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. Koppel, approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Sabin of Sabin Landscape Architects, representing the property owner, requested that the discussion for this application be tabled until the March 13, 2024, meeting.

Sabin Landscape Architects for Aguizy/Binnie/#IW-24-3/35 South St./to rebuild a deck and pergola with plantings within URA:

Mr. Sabin of Sabin Landscape Architects, representing the property owner, stated that he has added the construction sequence to the plans as requested by the Commission at the Site Walk.

MOTION: To approve the application for Permit #IW-24-3/ Sabin Landscape Architects for Aguizy/Binnie/35 South St./to rebuild a deck and pergola with plantings within URA as shown in the application with accompanying documentation, including "Site Plan/Inland Wetlands," prepared for Aguizy Residence, by Sabin Landscape Architects, sheet L-1, dated February 5, 2024. "Project Narrative," by Sabin Landscape Architects for 35 South Street, dated February 5, 2024, 1 page 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, 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. 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. Koppel, approved unanimously.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

WeDocks/Colin Pottbecker for Nettleton/91 West Shore Rd./ #IW-24-4/for a dock with dock landing:

The Commission accepted the application.

Mr. Pottbecker, representing the property owner, was present.

The Commission scheduled a Site Walk for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:00pm. They requested that the owner of the property be present at that time, that an engineered plan be submitted, and that five (5) full sized sets of plans are provided to the Commission for the 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).

The Commission viewed the new NSGs soils map located as a layer on the Assessor's page on the Town of Washington website: [Washington, CT GIS Parcel Viewer \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

This tool is a helpful way for property owners to view possible soil types, including Wetland soils, on their property. Shelley White, Land Use Administrator, is responsible for making this possible.

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

In an email dated February 27, 2024, Mr. Szymanski of Arthur H. Howland & Associates has requested that the discussion be tabled until the March 13, 2024, meeting.

(25min.22sec.) 32 Lower Church Hill Road - #IW-23-67 – Notice of Violation:

Mr. Gawel, contractor, Mr. Branson, State Licensed Forester, and Mr. Rosiello, Landscape Designer, were present to represent the property owner.

Mr. Branson stated that he had been to the property and has conducted a stump tally. He also conducted various forest inventory samples. He submitted his report to the Commission for their review (see attached).

The Commission compiled questions for the owner/authorized agents to address. Mr. Papsin stated that the Commission will need a full plan of action as to how these questions and concerns raised are going to be addressed. A sequence of construction will be needed, the location of where the clean-up will begin and how those areas will be accessed, where the staging areas will be, an invasive plant control plan and a planting plan. This will need to be submitted by March 22, 2024, the Friday prior to the March 27, 2024, meeting. After the Commission has reviewed this, a Site Walk will be scheduled.

Administrative Business:

None.

Communications:

Ms. Rill reminded the Commission to respond to First Selectman Jim Brinton's invitation regarding the seminar on public meetings. The seminar will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30pm in the Main Meeting Room of Bryan Memorial Town Hall.

Adjournment:

To adjourn the February 28, 2024, Washington Inland Wetlands Commission meeting at 7:46pm, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Koppel, approved unanimously.

Meeting Recording can be found here:

 [2024-2-28 IWC Mtg Recording.mp3](#)

Dated: 03-01-2024

Signed,

Tammy Rill

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*Minutes filed, subject to approval

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Steven Curran & Jacqueline Fennessy
32 Lower Church Hill Road
Washington, CT

February 22, 2024

Dear Steven & Jacqueline,

I am writing this addendum to my letter dated February 13, 2024, which laid out a forest remediation plan for your property at 32 Lower Church Hill Road, to provide more detail on aspects of the plan as requested by the Washington Inland Wetlands Commission at their meeting on February 14, 2024.

1) The following is my estimate of the trees cut on 4.5 acre site based on field work conducted February 21, 2024, during which I conducted a stump tally on the accessible areas and sampling of the surrounding intact forest.

SPECIES	# TREES	AVG SIZE*	SIZE RANGE*
Sugar maple	180	9"	3-22"
Red & black oak	115	24"	15-32"
Black birch	105	14"	4-32"
Red maple	90	11"	4-27"
Hickory	70	17"	5-27"
Beech	60	8"	5-13"
White oak	25	18"	16-22"
Other	5	17"	8-26"
Total	650	15"	3-32"

*Stump diameter

2) Invasive species control details:

I recommend targeted foliar spray on Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, and tree of heaven of Escort XP Herbicide from Bayer (Metsulfuron methyl 60%). I recommend three applications: spring, fall, and the following spring.

3) Soil conservation grass seed mix details:

I recommend using Rockingham/VT Conservation mix from Blue Seal (35% Creeping Red Fescue, 25% VNS Turf-Type Tall Fescue, 15% Annual Ryegrass, 12% Perennial Ryegrass, 10% Kentucky Bluegrass 85/80, 3% White Clover).

4) Construction sequence:

My letter dated February 13, 2024 described the general work sequence and equipment to be used. More specific details will be provided once a contractor is retained to do the work.

I hope you find these recommendations helpful and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ian W. Branson
CT Cert. Forester #F631

Date	Site Inspection	Notes
Thursday February 22, 2024	4 Perkins Road	Drainage system and retaining wall/modification to come
Thursday February 22, 2024	217 West Shore	Drainage, activity, permitted projects both sides of road
Thursday February 22, 2024	176 West Morris Road	Project site check
Thursday February 22, 2024	89 Litchfield Road	sediment and erosion control measures to be put in place - confirmed completed 2/28/24
Thursday February 22, 2024	274 Nettleton Hollow Road	Review site project