

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
August 11, 2021
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

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

Public Present: Mr. Francis, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Garceau, Ms. Dubow, Mr. Bernard

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

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. He then seated himself, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Audet, Ms. Branson and Mr. Gendron.

He then welcomed Ms. Dubow, a possible new member to the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Consideration of the Minutes (5min. 01sec):

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 07-28-2021, by Mr. Gendron, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the 08-03-2021 Site Inspection by J. Audet for 99 West Shore Rd-Application for Permit #IW-21-42, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the 08-03-2021 Site Inspection by L. Gendron for 66 Upper Church Hill Rd-Application for Permit #IW-21-43, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Branson passed by 5-0 vote.

Pending Applications (05min45sec.):

Permit #IW-21-42, Cesari-Bernard, 99 West Shore Road –

Mr. Francis of Arthur H. Howland and Associates, representing the property owner, stated that he had prepared a series of answers to the questions that the Commission had asked for during the Site Inspection and detailed each one (please see attached document).

The Commissioners voiced their concern over not knowing an exact sequence of construction, adding that they would prefer a meeting with the contractor as well as Washington's Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO). The Commission also debated on whether or not the project should be bonded.

The Commission and Mr. Francis agreed that a pre-construction meeting on-site that will be attended by the hired contractor, a representative from Arthur H. Howland and Associates, and

the ZEO that will detail the sequence of construction and this will be made as a Condition of Approval.

The Commission also decided that they would like A.H Howland to provide the complete detail of construction including what machinery would be used.

The Commission agreed that a Bond, provided by the homeowner, in the amount of \$3,000 dollars for the well, trenching and into the home that can be released upon completion with approval from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Commission also agreed that extra sediment erosion control shall be provided by the contractor on site.

With the conditions of approval in place, the Commission felt comfortable approving and voting for the following:

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-21-42, submitted by Arthur H. Howland for Cesari-Bernard at 99 West Shore Rd to install a septic system and well within regulated area per the plan titled “Proposed Sanitary Disposal System & Soil Erosion Control Plan,” prepared for Michael Cesari & Kathleen Bernard, by Arthur H. Howland & Associates PC. Dated April 13, 2021 and the application dated July 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. 4. There will be a pre-construction meeting on-site with the Town of Washington’s Zoning Enforcement Officer, Arthur H. Howland and Associates, P.C as well and the chosen contractor 5. Provide a complete detail of construction including machinery and equipment that will be used 6. A bond in the amount of \$3,000 dollars by the home owner for the well, trenching as well as into the home that will be released upon completion with approval of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. 7. Extra sediment erosion control will be provided on site. 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. Papsin, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 4-1-0 vote, with Mr. Bennett abstaining.

Permit #IW-21-43, Schwarz-Klegel, 66 Upper Church Hill Road –

The Commission agreed that Mr. Schwarz provided all of the information that they needed to approve the Application.

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-21-43, submitted by Justin Schwarz and Laura Klegel at 66 Upper Church Hill Rd to construct an in ground pool and dry laid stone patio partially located within regulated area per the plan titled “Zoning Location Survey,” prepared for Justin Schwarz & Laura Kleger, by Michael Riordan L.L.S. with a revision date of July 6, 2021 and the application dated July 19, 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 Ms. Branson, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 4-1-0 vote, with Mr. Bennett abstaining.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

IW-21-44 - Town of Washington/Whittlesey Road Bridge over the Shepaug River, Temporary Impact to Wetlands and Watercourses for bridge rehabilitation:

The Commission accepted the Application and scheduled a site walk for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Other Business:

There was no Other Business for this evenings meeting.

Enforcement:

There was no Enforcement Report this evening.

Administrative Business:

There was no Administrative Business for this evenings meeting.

Communications:

There were no Communications for this evenings meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm, by Mr. Papsin, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed 5-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
08-13-2021