

Inland Wetlands Commission

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Hybrid

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room/Zoom

Members Present: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Audet, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Anthony-Bogue (arrived 7:05pm)

Via Zoom: Ms. Dubow

Members Absent: Mr. Koppel

Public Present: Mr. McTigue, Mr. Sabin, Mr. Larson, Mr. Willenbrock

Via Zoom: Ms. Beck, Ann Jamieson (Press: Voices)

Regular Business:

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

He seated himself, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Audet, Mr. Gendron and Ms. Dubow (for Ms. Anthony Bogue).

Consideration of the Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the August 23, 2023 Washington Inland Wetlands Regular Meeting Minutes by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gendron, approved 5-0 vote.

MOTION: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for 8-30-2023 site inspection at 41 Tinker Hill Rd., Site Inspection Report by L. Gendron, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Audet, approved 5-0 vote.

MOTION: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for 8-30-2023 site inspection at 217 West Shore Rd., Site Inspection Report by C. Koppel, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Audet, approved 5-0 vote.

MOTION: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for 8-30-2023 site inspection at 185 Tunnel Rd., Site Inspection Report by J. Audet, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gendron, approved 5-0 vote.

Ms. Anthony-Bogue arrived at 7:05 and was seated by Mr. Papsin.

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

There was no subsequent business for this evenings meeting.

Pending Applications:

Sabin Landscape Architects for Wolff/41 Tinker Hill Rd./Application #IW-23-56/for the installation of a pool with patio and boulder wall.

Sam Sabin of Sabin Landscape Architects explained to the Commission that he had updated the plans since the Commissions Site Walk and included a three-year maintenance plan. The trees to be cut down are shown on the site plan now, as requested. The proposed pool will be a saltwater pool with a cartridge filter and it will be drained every year. The water will be moved offsite. Native plants will be planted. The trenching for the plumbing is now noted on the plans, which Mr. Sabin signed and dated for reference.

The Commission agreed that if any changes are made to the maintenance plan, the owners shall apply for a modification to the Commission. The MSDS sheets shall also be provided to the Commission with fertilizer types included.

MOTION: To approve the application for Permit #IW-23-56 – Sabin Landscape Architects for Wolff/41 Tinker Hill Rd./Application #IW-23-56/for the installation of a pool with patio and boulder wall, as shown on the plans titled, “Master Plan” sheet L-1, “Layout and Grading” sheet L-2, Erosion and Sedimentation” sheet L-3 dated August 18, 2023 and revised September 11, 2023 prepared for Eisenman-Wolff Residence by Sabin Landscape Architects and the Maintenance Plan by Sabin Landscape Architects dated September 2023 with accompanying documentation. 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. 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. 4. The applicant will apply for a modification to the Inland Wetlands Commission if any changes to the Maintenance Plan are made 5. The MSDS sheets that show what types of fertilizer will be provided to the Inland Wetlands Commission. 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. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

Arthur H. Howland & Associates for BCLC, LLC/217 West Shore Rd./Application #IW-23-57/for improvements to the lakefront – relocation of trees, a seating area, stairs, grading, and other related appurtenances.

Mr. McTigue of Arthur H. Howland & Associates, representative for the property owners, stated that he revised the Site Plan as requested at the Site Walk. The cross-section of the retaining wall has been added – sheet L-601.

A concrete pier with two sonotubes will be pinned to either ledge or rock. A mini-excavator, a bobcat and a small dump truck will be used for construction. A stock piling area has been added to the plan and a staging area will be located across the street. There will be hay bales used to erosion control, however no silt fencing will be placed due to the site being hard to get to.

The Commission questioned the term, “concrete rubble” used on the site plan. Mr. McTigue explained that this was actually the base of a fire pit, not actually rubble or debris. The Commission requested that the terminology be edited.

The Commission stated that there were still several questions regarding plantings and a hardscape plan. Mr. Papsin stated that he would like for the Commission to schedule another Site Walk – with Mr. McTigue and the Landscape Architect present as well. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Site Walk has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Steep Rock Association/185 Tunnel Rd./Application #IW-23-58/Invasive plant management within riparian buffer of Shepaug River tributary stream.

Mr. Larson of Steep Rock Association was present.

The Commission stated that the conditions of approval would be that the MSDS sheets for material used be submitted and that Steep Rock Association will notify the Town of Washington Department of Public Works and the First Selectman’s Office of any washouts along the roadway.

MOTION: To approve the application for Permit #IW-23-58 – Steep Rock Association/185 Tunnel Rd./Application #IW-23-58/Invasive plant management within riparian buffer of Shepaug River tributary stream as shown in the application with accompanying documentation. 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. 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. 4. The MSDS sheets are provided to the Land Use Office 5. Steep Rock Association will notify the Town of Washington Department of Public Works and the First Selectman’s Office of any washouts along the roadway 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 Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

A&J Dock Builders for Bangser/65 West Shore Rd./Application #IW-23-59/for the replacement of a dock:

The application was accepted by the Commission.

A Site Walk has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Darin Willenbrock for Beck/4 Perkins Rd./Application #IW-23-60/for a Correction of Violation/repair and addition of double layer of silt fencing and hay bales:

The Commission accepted this application.

Ms. Audet recused herself from this Application. Mr. Papsin seated Ms. Dubow in her place.

Mr. Willenbrock explained that there had been heavy run-off on the site and he immediately tried to correct what he could by repairing the silt fencing and adding extra hay bales.

The Commission scheduled a Site Walk for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 immediately following the prior site walk scheduled for that day. They have asked Mr. Willenbrock to bring copies of the plan with him.

Arthur H. Howland for Dauwalter/33 Fenn Hill Rd./#IW-23-61/to construct a new home, driveway, grading, wetland crossing, drainage and septic system, well, utilities and other related appurtenances:

The Commission accepted this application. Ms. Audet was reseated.

Mr. McTigue of Arthur H. Howland & Associates explained that this is the construction of a new home with a driveway, grading, drainage, septic system, well, utilities and wetland crossing.

The Commission scheduled a Site Walk for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 3:00pm. They have asked that the Soil Scientist Report is brought to the Site Walk and an Environmental Scientist is present to answer any questions they may have.

Arthur H. Howland for 24ONR, LLC/24 Old North Rd./Application #IW-23-62/for renovations and addition to existing home, a generator, drainage, sanitary system and other related appurtenances:

The Commission accepted this application.

Mr. McTigue of Arthur H. Howland & Associates, representing the property owner, explained that his clients were proposing the renovation of the existing residence with an addition, a generator, drainage and sanitary system. He added that the only area in the URA is the septic fill area.

The Commission scheduled a Site Walk for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, immediately following the previous Site Walk. They asked for Mr. McTigue to mark the septic area.

Other Business:

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives

Ms. Haverstock reported that she and Mr. Papsin continue to make weekly Site Inspections.

Sites include the area of Lake Waramaug and the Tunnel Road bridge project.

Administrative Business

No Administrative Business

Communications:

No Communications for this evenings meeting

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the September 13, 2023 Washington Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting at 8:24pm, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Papsin, approved 5-0 vote.

Meeting Recording can be found here:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Rill

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Land Use Clerk

*Minutes filed, subject to approval