

Town of Washington  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
August 25, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

**Members Present:** Mr. Papsin, Ms. Branson, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Audet

**Members Absent:** Mr. Bennett, Ms. Bogue, Alt.

**Staff Present:** Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

**Public Present:** Ms. Dubow, Ms. Zukauskas

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

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. He then seated himself, Ms. Audet, Ms. Branson and Mr. Gendron.

**Consideration of the Minutes:**

**8-25-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Papsin noted that Mr. Bennett should be listed under **Members Present**.

**Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 08-11-2021 as amended, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 4-0 vote.

**Subsequent Business:**

**Motion:** To add consideration of the Special Meeting Minutes of the 08-24-2021 Site Inspection for the Whittlesey Road Bridge, by Mr. Bennett to the agenda, by Ms. Branson, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of the Special Meeting Minutes dated 8-24-2021 – Site Inspection Report - 08-24-2021 – Whittlesey Road Bridge - #IW-21-44:**

**Motion:** To approve the Special Meeting Minutes – Site Inspection Report written by Mr. Bennett for the 08-24-2021 Site Inspection at Whittlesey Road Bridge - Application for Permit #IW-21-44, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 4-0 vote.

**Pending Applications :**

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

The Commissioners confirmed that the site inspection was informative and agreed to a fourth condition of approval regarding informing the E.O. prior to pruning and grubbing activity.

**Motion:** To approve the application for Permit #IW-21-44, submitted by GM2 Associates, Inc. for the Town of Washington at the bridge at Whittlesey Road for temporary wetlands and watercourse impacts for bridge rehabilitation per the plans titled "Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 05157 Whittlesey Road Over Shepaug River: Title Sheet, Typical Sections, Roadway Plan/Wetland Impact Plan, FloodPlain Impact Plan, Roadway Profile, General Plan, Water Handling Plan," Sheets PMT-01 thru PMT-07, prepared for Town of Washington, by GM2 Associates, Dated 07-19-2021 and the application dated 7/19/2021 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,
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, and
4. The contractor will inform the enforcement officer of the proposed pruning/grubbing activity in advance in order that the enforcement officer may review, approve and supervise such activity as may be necessary and least detrimental. 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 4-0 vote.

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

There were no new applications to consider.

**Other Business:**

There was no other Business for this evenings meeting.

**Enforcement:**

Ms. White stated that she and Ms. Haverstock visited the following sites in response to inquiries made to the Land Use Office:

- 134 Roxbury Rd - Tree clearing within the upland review area of the pond. Ms. White stated the contractor gave her the property owner contact information. She informed him that the activity within the URA was not permitted. Ms. Haverstock will be sending out a Notice of Violation, fine, and how the property owner is to proceed to correct the violation.
- 255 New Milford Tnpk – Activity within a watercourse. An email was sent with photographs of activity that was occurring within the perennial watercourse that feeds into the East

Aspetuck River at the rear of this property. Ms. White and Ms. Haverstock conducted a site inspection and observed the berm that was created along the watercourse. A N.O.V. would be issued with a fine and further instructions to the property owner on how to proceed to correct the violation.

- 25 Juniper Meadow Rd – Failing to comply with terms, limitations, and conditions of the issued permit. In response to an email received by a IWC Commissioner, the IWC discussed the photographs that were received. Ms. White and Ms. Haverstock stated they would conduct a site inspection tomorrow and if they find that there is significant disturbance within the URA, an N.O.V. would be issued.

The IWC stated that these property owners need to appear before the commission to discuss how to correct their individual violations.

#### **Administrative Business:**

Ms. Haverstock, Enforcement Officer, introduced herself to the IWC.

#### **Communications:**

Mr. Papsin read the following statement:

“We are saddened to learn about the loss of Dirk Sabin, and on behalf of the Inland Wetlands Commission, I extend our sincere condolences to his family. Dirk was a talented Landscape Architect who made countless presentation to our commission over the years. He will certainly be missed. At the same, we look forward to his son, Sam, carrying out his legacy.”

#### **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm, by Mr. Gendron, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed 4-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelley White*

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Land Use Administrator  
09-01-2021

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Link to recording of meeting:

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Bryan Memorial Town Hall  
Washington Depot, CT 06794

Inland Wetlands Commission  
Site Inspection Report

August 24, 2021, 4:00 PM

**Wetlands Application #IW-21-44:** Town of Washington/Whittlesey R. Bridge over Shepaug River/Temporary Impact to Wetlands and Watercourses for Bridge Rehabilitation

**Applicant:** Town of Washington

**Location:** Whittlesey Rd. Bridge, Washington, CT

**Commissioners present:** Susan Branson, Joline Audet, Bruce Bennett, Bob Papsin, Larry Gendron, Melinda Dubow

**Land Use Staff present:** None

**Others present:** Dennis Garceau, GM2

The weather was clear and dry. The Shepaug River was high and running fast. The Commissioners gathered on the Whittlesey Road Bridge. Mr. Garceau provided a brief general description of the bridge replacement project. The entire bridge structure, including concrete support portions of the embankments, is to be removed. The contractor will erect a debris shield beneath the bridge work area to protect against materials entering the river. The removal will be in sections. The materials removed during demolition will not be stored on site. There may be some storage of new materials within the project boundary along with a project office trailer. Cofferdams will be erected at each embankment and there will be limited repair to the embankment foundation. The cofferdams will be constructed of "bulk bags" laid on the riverbed and shoreline. There will not be any substantial modification to the embankments. The removed embankment concrete portions will be replaced with concrete poured in place. The new bridge deck will be concrete with bridge deck slightly wider than existing deck. The road entrance to the bridge on either side as well as the bridge deck will be asphalt paved for a total of 500 linear feet. The bridge entrance roadway and adjacent area will be developed to minimize drainage onto the bridge and otherwise control drainage to the surrounding area. There will be some tree pruning and grubbing activity that cannot, at present, be specifically identified. There is agreement that contractor will inform enforcement officer of the proposed pruning/grubbing activity in advance in order that enforcement officer may review, approve and supervise such activity as may be necessary and least detrimental. This is to be a condition of the permit. The project is anticipated to begin April 2022 with expected completion Fall 2022.

The site visit ended at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce P. Bennett