

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
September 22, 2021
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

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

Via Zoom: Ms. Dubow, Alt.

Members Absent: Mr. Bennett

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

Public Present: Mr. Freeman, Mr. Neff, Ms. Zukauskas, Mr. Koppel

Regular Business:

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Members Seated: Mr. Papsin, Ms. Branson, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Audet, Ms. Bogue for Mr. Bennett

Consideration of the Minutes:

9-8-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:

It was noted that Ms. Audet was erroneously listed as being seated.

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 9-8-2021 as amended, by Ms. Branson, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 09-14-2021 Site Inspection Report – 36 Hinkle Rd – Permit #IW-21-47- submitted by S. Branson:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes – Site Inspection Report written by Ms. Branson for the 09-14-2021 Site Inspection at 36 Hinkle Road - Application for Permit #IW-21-47, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

Subsequent Business:

None added

Pending Applications:

Yankee Custom Builders for Perlman-Hanson/36 Hinkle Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-47/Demolition within URA (1:46):

Mr. DiVesta, P.E. and Mr. Freeman of Yankee Custom Builders, were present on behalf of the property owners. Mr. DiVesta explain the work that is being proposed in the review area. He referred to “Guest House Demo Plan” by LaGuardia Design Group, dated 09-16-2021, Sheet

#L2.4. It was noted that a sequence of construction was submitted by Yankee Custom Builders and they estimated 3 weeks from start to finish.

There was a brief discussion regarding the specificity of the planting plan. Mr. DiVesta explained that they would seed the area to stabilize the area and come back with a more detailed planting plan when construction is done.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the trees that are to be removed as indicated on the "Guest House Demo Plan."

There were no further questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-21-47, submitted by Yankee Custom Builders for Perlman-Hanson at 36 Hinkle Road for demolition within the review area per the plans titled "Overall Site Plan" dated 9-01-2021, sheet 1 of 3, "Site Plan" revision dated 9-20-21, sheet 2 of 3, "Details" dated 9-1-21, sheet 3 of 3, prepared for Perlman-Hanson Residence, by DiVesta Civil Engineering, LLC, and "Guest House Demo Plan" by LaGuardia Design Group, dated 09-16-2021, Sheet #L2.4 and the application dated 8/25/2021 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. Audet, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission (13:06):

Bond/139 Wykeham Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-49/ Install generator, underground LP tank and trenching in review area:

The Commission accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Tuesday September 28, 2021 at 4pm.

Herrmann/92 East St/Application for Permit #IW-21-50/Pond Dredging:

This application was tabled due to incompleteness.

Neff for MFINN2013, LLC/118 Woodbury Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-51/Main Pond Dredging:

Mr. Neff, P.E. stated that the last time the large pond at the Mayflower was dredged was in late 1990-early 2000. He stated that it is estimated that this should be done about every 15 years. They estimated 4,000 cubic yards of material will have to be removed from the ½ acre pond, dewatered, and the dried materials will be hauled off-site. Mr. Neff stated a larger excavator will be used to remove the materials.

The Commission accepted this application. Members stated that they will visit the site individually.

Other Business:

Discussion of Tree Clear Cutting Regulations – Working with Conservation Commission & Zoning Commission (22:13):

The IWC agreed that Ms. Branson would attend the next Conservation Commission on October 6, 2021 at 5:15 pm and present the format that she created and Ms. White will send Ms. Payne an email letting her know with the attached draft.

Enforcement (28:01):

Ms. Haverstock updated the Commissioners on the status of the enforcement measures that have been made for the following sites:

- Lake Waramaug Active Sites: Ms. Haverstock drove around the Lake to monitor the sites after the last storm mentioned at the last meeting and noted that the erosion controls had been updated and well maintained.
- 157 Nettleton Hollow Rd – There was a widening of the stream after the storm, the contractor was notified and the Land Use Office will be monitoring it.
- 236 Nettleton Hollow Rd – A site visit was made with the E.O. and the Land Use Administrator and everything is being maintained as permitted. 95% of the foundation had to be rebuilt but the tree of concern will be saved as the portion of the foundation closest the tree will remain and be reinforced so as not to compromise the tree. The Contractor will be providing an as-built when the construction is finished.
- 25 Juniper Meadow Rd – Mr. Hunt is out of town and the Land Use Office is still waiting for the planting plan.
- 255 New Milford Tnpk – Ms. Haverstock was able to get hold of family member of the property owner. A letter will be submitted to the Commission explaining the activity.
- 134 Roxbury Rd - Land Use Office will follow up.
- 169 West Shore – Ms. White stated that the Land Use Office has not received anything from Mr. Schwartz.

Administrative Business:

None to discuss

Communications:**6-16 West Mountain Rd (37:36) – Signed Lease to graze livestock, discussion of proposed farm pond:**

It was noted that Mr. Kassis provided a copy of the lease for livestock to graze on his property and is now proposing a farm pond to water the animals.

After a brief discussion, the IWC feels an application would necessary to create a pond and that should include and engineered plan. Ms. Haverstock stated that she would contact NRCS to see if they could weigh in on whether an engineered plan would be necessary to prove whether the proposed pond is essential to a farming operation.

Introduction

Mr. Papsin introduced Mr. Koppel as a potential alternate member of the IWC.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm, by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator
09-29-2021

Link to recording of meeting:

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