

Town of Washington  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
October 27, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

**Members Present:** Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Branson, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Audet, Ms. Bogue, Alt. Mr. Koppel, Alt., Via Zoom: Ms. Dubow, Alt.

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

**Public Present:** Mr. Wengell, Mr. Szymanski, Mr. Sabin, Ms. Zukauskas, Mr. Hagenbuch, Mr. Giaponi, Mr. Larson, Public

**Regular Business:**

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

**Consideration of the Minutes (00:16):**

**10-13-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 10-13-2021 as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

**Special Meeting Minutes: 10-19-2021 Site Inspection Report – 92 East St – Permit #IW-21-50- submitted by B. Bennett:**

**Motion:** To approve the Special Meeting Minutes – Site Inspection Report written by Mr. Bennett for the 10-19-2021 Site Inspection at 92 East Street - Application for Permit #IW-21-50/Pond Dredging, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 5-0 vote.

**Subsequent Business:**

None added

**Pending Applications:**

**Herrmann/92 East St/Application for Permit #IW-21-50/Pond Dredging (01:08):**

Mr. Papsin noted that the Commissioners attended the site inspection on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. White confirmed that there is a letter on file from Steep Rock regarding the easement on the property and this proposed activity would have no effect on this easement.

The Commission had no further questions.

**Motion:** To approve the application for Permit #IW-21-50, submitted by Herrmann at 92 East Street for dredging of the pond per the plan titled "Pond on 92 East Street" submitted with permit application signed by John A. Herrmann and dated 9/20/2021 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. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

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

**Town of Washington/Tunnel Road Bridge/Application for Permit #IW-21-53/Replacement of Bridge over Shepaug River (3:42):**

Mr. Wengell, from WMC Engineers was present to discuss this application on behalf of the Town of Washington. He explained that this is a municipal project that is funded through the Federal Local Bridge Program. Mr. Wengell presented the plans titled "Environmental Permit Plans – State Project No. 150-136 – Replacement of Bridge No. 05158 in the Town of Washington," sheets 1-7, date October 12, 2021, prepared for the Town of Washington by WMC Consulting Engineers.

Mr. Wengell explained how the existing bridge would be removed and replaced and both the westerly and easterly approaches to the bridge would be reconstructed as well. He explained how the rounded riprap would be used for the embankments and abutments. Mr. Wengell added that they have been working with DEEP Fisheries to design the embankments and abutments and explained how a toe boulder would be used to hold the riprap and a flat shelf of natural streambed material would create a riparian crossing. He confirmed that all the analysis was done to design the bridge and has been approved by the DOT Hydraulics Engineering Department. Mr. Wengell stated that the bridge would be 24' wide with a 117' clear span.

Mr. Wengell discussed the construction sequence. He noted that there will be a debris shield underneath the bridge when the deck is removed. He informed the IWC that the project should take approximately 8 months to complete and reviewed the State Wetland, Watercourse and Upland Review Area Impact Table on the "Wetland/Watercourse Impact Plan." There was a brief discussion regarding possible tree removal. It was noted that some trees will be encircled with a high visibility fence to preserve their root systems. Mr. Bennett suggested that a condition could be made to have the contractor schedule a preconstruction meeting with the Wetlands Enforcement Officer to inform them what trees are proposed for removal. Mr. Wengell noted that the Steep Rock Association would be reimbursed for necessary planting replacement.

The IWC and Mr. Wengell discussed the approval process with the State, Town, etc.

The Commissioners stated that they would visit the site individually.

**A. H. Howland for Premier Trust/157 Calhoun St/Application for Permit #IW-21-54/Activity within the Review area: Removal and replacement of main dwelling septic system, installation of guest house septic system, wetlands crossing - installation of boardwalk, temporary construction access way, and grading (40:35):**

Mr. Szymanski was present to represent the property owner.

The IWC accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 3 pm.

**Sabin for Eisenmann-Wolf/41 Tinker Hill Rd/Application for Permit #IW-21-55/Move shed away from intermittent stream, stabilize surface drainage replace driveway, retaining walls, additional masonry walkway, walls and steps, and landscaping in review area (42:18):**

Mr. Sabin was present to represent the property owner.

The IWC accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 4:15 pm.

**Other Business (43:33):**

**Discussion - Chairman's meeting with First Selectman and Land Use Staff:**

Mr. Papsin gave a brief summary of what was discussed at a meeting with First Selectman Brinton, Ms. White, Land Use Administrator, Ms. Haverstock, Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Ms. Rill, Land Use Clerk and Ms. Hill, Vice Chair of Zoning.

It was noted that the Commissioners should inform Chairman Papsin by the Monday before the meeting if there is anything that they would like addressed at the meeting and put on the agenda. Enforcement issues should also go through the Chairman who will take the

information to the Enforcement Officer. The Land Use Office can be contacted directly if there is an emergency situation.

**Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives (48:14):**

Ms. Haverstock updated the IWC on the following properties:

- 181 West Shore Rd – Hay bales have been installed and there was updated maintenance to the silt fencing and anti-tracking pad.
- 217 West Shore Rd – Installation of hay bales and silt fencing around materials per the approved site plan, and updated maintenance to anti-tracking pad.
- 329 West Shore Rd – Ms. Haverstock stated that the entrance of the property needs maintenance and she will be contacting the contractor to see if they could find a solution that will hold up better for the duration of the construction. Mr. Papsin recommended contacted the Litchfield DOT.
- 78 Litchfield Turnpike – Ms. Haverstock and Mr. Papsin made a site inspection at this location. The Land Use Department received a call regarding work being performed in the wetlands at this location. Old equipment, metal, parts, etc. was being removed and the property owner was maintaining the soils with hay. He was informed that an application for an Inland Wetlands Permit would be needed
- 134 Roxbury Rd - The property owner is in the process of obtaining a survey for this property.
- 255 New Milford Tnpk – Ms. Haverstock stated that the Land Use Office is trying to set up an appeals hearing for Mr. Dobson.
- 25 Juniper Meadow Rd – Ms. Haverstock stated that she feels that the planting will be weather dependent.
- 236 Nettleton Hollow Rd – Ms. Haverstock and Ms. White have reviewed the file and the work is currently in process is in compliance with the permit that was approved.
- 24 Sabbaday Ln – the EO conducted a follow up site inspection for the bridge that was installed on the property and an Inland Wetlands Compliance Certificate was issued.
- Tunnel Road – Steep Rock Association/Eagles Scout replacement of footbridge between SR1 and SR2 was approved administratively.

**Administrative Business:**

None to discuss

**Communications:**

None to discuss

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully submitted,



Shelley White

Land Use Administrator

11-3-2021

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