

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
February 23, 2022
Regular Meeting
(Via Zoom Teleconference)
MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

Public Present: Mr. Francis, Ms. Zukauskas, Mr. Virbickas, Mr. Green, Mr. Campuzano

Regular Business

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Members Seated: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Branson, Ms. Audet, Ms. Dubow (for Bennett)

Consideration of the Minutes (00:22)

1-26-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 1-26-2022 as submitted, by Mr. Gendron, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

Mr. Bennett joined the meeting and was seated

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

None to add

Pending Applications

There were no pending applications.

New Applications to be Received by The Commission

SMF Universal, LLC./124 New Milford Turnpike/Application for Permit #IW-22-05 for activity in the review area – new parking layout and building access construction (1:40):

Mr. Virbickas, PE, Artel Engineering was present to represent the property owner. He informed the IWC that they are proposing to reconfigure the parking and adding walkways that are partially in the upland review area.

The IWC accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Arthur H. Howland & Associates for Farmer/42 Barnes Road/Application for Permit #IW-22-06 for activity in the review are – construct retaining wall and infiltration system (7:09):

Mr. Francis, EIT, Arthur Howland & Associates, PC, was present to represent the property owners. He explained to the IWC that they are proposing and addition to the existing house and a new garage and that the retaining wall and the infiltration system for roof runoff are within the upland review area.

The IWC accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 3:40 p.m.

Campuzano/41 Rabbit Hill Road/ Application for Permit #IW-22-07 for activity in the review area – construct single family dwelling, install septic, construct pool with patio (10:38):

Mr. Green, PE, from Robert Green Associates, LLC., was present to represent the property owners. He informed the IWC that they are proposing to build a single-family dwelling with an inground pool and patio within a review area.

The IWC accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 4:15 p.m.

Other Business (12:00):

There was a brief discussion regarding the amount of salt/chemicals that have been put on the road this winter and how the runoff of these chemicals affect the wetlands and watercourses.

Ms. Haverstock, E.O. and Ms. White, L.U.A., stated that they had a discussion with Mr. Smith, Director of the Highway Department, and he explained that they take their direction from the State, all drivers are trained and the trucks are computerized with a system that regulates the amount of salt that is put on each road. It was noted that this is something that is considered state wide and the safety of the drivers is a priority.

The Commissioners discussed how some residents will request that their roads be treated with extra product. It was suggested that the Town could focus on drainage in sensitive areas.

The IWC and Staff agreed to share any information, training materials, education, etc. with each other.

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives (22:08):

Ms. Haverstock reviewed her 02-22-2022 Enforcement Report including properties that were discussed at the last meeting and the progress that has been made up to this point. Please see attached report.

Administrative Business (30:32):

None to discuss

Communications (36:21):

Ms. White stated that she is waiting to hear from counsel regarding the Motion for Reconsideration en banc filed by plaintiffs, Purnell and Giampietro, with the Appellate Court regarding their case against the Town of Washington Inland Wetlands Commission.

Ms. White will send out the notes from previous work done by the IWC on the potential revisions to Section 15 of the Inland Wetlands Regulations and the IWC will pick up where they left off.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm, by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White

Shelley White, Land Use Administrator, 3-2-2022

Attachment

A. EO Report 2-23-2022

Link to recording of meeting:

https://townofwashingtongcc-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/personal/swhite_washingtonct_org/EcD0JGpDTzJGico2wQZARoQB5QBixNxH-8BarKRnS00AwA?e=rnt9qQ

Dated	Citation	Address	Notes
August 27, 2021	2021-W001	134 Roxbury Road	No change
Friday, August 27, 2021	2021-W002	255 New Milford Turnpike	Penalty Paid 01/11/22 Remediation continues
August 27, 2021	2021-W003	25 Juniper Meadow Road	No change
Wednesday, December 15, 2021	2021-W004	Intersection at Mygatt	Soil and materials deposited in URA.
Tuesday December 28, 2021	2021-W005	254-8 New Milford Turnpike	Removing and building fencing in URA without a permit Met with Consultant 1/14/22 to discuss next steps for permits. A2 Survey submitted for review
Wednesday February 16, 2022	2022-W001	255 New Milford Turnpike	Activity in upland review area
Thursday February 3, 2022	2022-W002	18 Parsonage Lane	Tree removal in URA
Date	Site Inspection	Notes	
Thursday February 10, 2022	157 Calhoun Street	Start card, Sediment and erosion control measures IWWC Chair and EO site visit	
Monday February 14, 2022	99 West Shore Road	Construction started - No start card/ Sediment and Erosion Controls deficient	
Monday February 14, 2022	4 New Preston Hill	Barn/Shed at the rear of property, Follows footprint, previously approved	
Permit Date	Permit	Address	Notes
Wednesday January 26, 2022	IW-22-01	82 Baldwin Hill Road	Construction of single family dwelling, detached garage, installation of septic within Review Area
Wednesday January 12, 2022	IW-22-03	13 Top Pasture Rd	Generator, generator pad - no ground disturbance
Wednesday February 9, 2022	IW-22-04	123 West Shore Road	Extension of dog fence
Wednesday February 9, 2022	IW-21-10 mod	68 Painter Ridge Road	Build 27' x 39' garage under- Addition with connector (12'4"x11'7") onto main dwelling. Revised setbacks on survey noting regulation (21.1.46) privilege of electing abutting street Nichols Hill Road as front line setback