

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
August 10, 2022
Regular Meeting
Hybrid – Zoom and Main Level Conference Room
MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Papsin, Ms. Audet, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Koppel, Alt.

Via Zoom: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Dubow, Alt.

Members Absent: Mr. Gendron

Staff Present: Ms. Haverstock, Ms. Rill

Public Present: Mr. McTigue, Mr. Sabin, Mr. DiVesta

Regular Business

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Members Seated: Mr. Papsin, Ms. Audet, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Koppel (for Mr. Gendron)

Consideration of the Minutes (00:17):

7-27-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 7-27-2022 as submitted, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote

Special Meeting Minutes: 8-2-2022 Site Inspection Report by J. Bogue – 217 West Shore Rd – Modification to #IW-20-62:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 8-2-2022 Site Inspection Report for 217 West Shore Rd – Modification to #IW-20-62 by Ms. Bogue as submitted, by Mr. Koppel, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 8-2-2022 Site Inspection Report by C. Koppel – 169-173 West Shore Rd - #IW-22-35 & IW-22-36:

Ms. Audet clarified that Kit Lundberg was in attendance for this meeting.

Motion: To approve the 8-2-2022 Site Inspection Report for 169 & 173 West Shore Rd –#IW-22-35 & #IW-22-36 by Mr. Koppel as amended, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

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

None to add

Pending Applications (2min 23sec):

Arthur Howland & Associates for BCLC, LLC. /217 West Shore Rd/Application for Modification to Permit #IW-20-62/Construct SFD, sports court, detached garage, pool, driveway, septic, grading, drainage w/in regulated area (01:35):

Mr. McTigue from Arthur Howland & Associates was present to represent the property owners for this application.

Mr. McTigue presented plans to the Commission. Beginning with the plans detailing the retaining walls, he explained that these were wire cages filled with stone, with a landing that will eventually be landscaped. The building will be tucked into the slope without changing any of the grades surrounding it. The driveway located in the front and will be a permeable grass surface. There will be a small retaining wall to hold the grade back. The revised Site Plan was presented. Four trees would be taken down and all others will be remaining. The black line in the site plan is a pool fence. A timber wall will be installed. The contractor will begin work upon approval and the work will be completed in 30-foot sections in case of a large rain event. The Commission questioned if the contractor had placed matting – as Mr. Papsin and Ms. Haverstock had observed that it was on site, but had not been installed as of August 9th, 2022. Mr. McTigue stated that he will verify and confirm the installation.

Mr. McTigue presented a Landscape Plan to the Commission. This included a Botanical list as well as a maintenance plan.

Mr. Papsin asked the Commissioners to review the plans prior to the August 24, 2022 meeting so that a decision can be made at that meeting.

Harris/254 New Milford Tpk/Application for Permit #IW-22-23 for construction of fence, house demolition, shed removal, deposition of materials in URA (65 Days: 7-29-22) (25min. 38sec):

The Commission is awaiting the results of water testing from the Applicant. They are also requesting more information on the two pipes and what is coming out of them that are dumping into the tributary that goes into the East

Adams/ 112 Lower Church Hill Rd/ Application for Permit #IW-22-27/removal of dead trees, paving of driveway and new plantings in URA (29min 11sec): The Commission tabled the discussion for this application.

Carter/132 Romford Rd/Application for Permit #IW-22-31/Establish nature trails with wetland crossings (30min 02sec):

Mr. Sabin was present to represent the property owners. He stated that Spencer Myles of Arthur Howland & Associates has flagged the wetland area. He questioned if it would be acceptable if he could prepare a large-scale drawing depicting the wetland areas and the setbacks. Ms. Haverstock questioned if Mr. Sabin had intentions of adding the wetlands to the survey. Mr. Sabin explained that in an effort to save his clients some money, as well as time restraints, he would prefer not to, but was willing to do so if need be. The Commissioners, after a lengthy discussion, agreed that due to no excavating in the area that Mr. Sabin could draw the plan that will depict the wetlands and setbacks, and it shall be ready for the Site Visit that will take place on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 3:30pm at 132 Romford Road.

Schwartz/169-173 West Shore Rd/Application to Correct a Violation for Permit #IW-22-35
/Replacement of existing bluestone apron w/Belgian block in URA &
Schwartz/169-173 West Shore Rd/Application to Correct a Violation for Permit #IW-22-36 /extend trail,
add culvert pipe, in wetland soils (45min.00sec.):

Mr. Sabin was present to represent the property owner for these applications. Both applications are on one plan as the two properties are owned by the same owner and are adjacent to each other. There were no updated maps available for this meeting. The Commission has asked that the Correction of Violation will include what came out of the property as well as what has come in - the deposition of material and information regarding what was deposited. In addition, an "after-the-fact" application shall be submitted for the apron, the river stone above the drainage, the plantings as well as change the mowing schedule to once per year.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

DiVesta Civil Engineering for Hanson/36 Hinkle Road/Permit #IW-22-37/Installation of dry fire hydrant in existing pond (53:22):

Mr. DiVesta of DiVesta Engineering, representing the property owner, stated that his clients were proposing a dry fire hydrant in an existing pond, located on the easterly side of the property. The work would include a six-inch pipe installed into the pond with the apparatus for the firehose connection on the end and would include two pressure treated, 2' x 6' posts to hold the hydrant on the dry land.

Mr. DiVesta added that the property owners were proposing the removal of three cedar trees – a modification to a modification of a previously approved permit.

The Commission agreed to hold a site walk on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 4:30pm at 36 Hinkle Road.

Other Business:

Set Public Hearing for Revisions to Section 15 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for September 28, 2022 (1:05:56):

The IWC scheduled a public hearing to consider the revisions to the Town of Washington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Motion: To schedule a public hearing to consider the revisions to Section 15-Enforcement of the Town of Washington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for September 28, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Level Meeting Room at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, CT, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives (1:06:50):

Ms. Haverstock reviewed the Enforcement Summary for the past few weeks: See Attachment A

Administrative Business:

None

Communications:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm, by Mr. Koppel, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tammy Rill

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8-16-2022

Minutes are subject to approval

Link to recording of meeting:

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Attachment A – See below:

Dated	Citation	Address	Notes
Wednesday June 1, 2022	2022-W007	46 Christian Street	Not in compliance with permit: Creation of driveway not on approved plan in URA
Thursday June 30, 2022	2022-W008	32 Lower Church Hill Road	Demolition of building without an IW permit
Wednesday June 29, 2022	2022-W009	169-173 West Shore Road	Drive/parking area construction improvements without a permit
Wednesday June 29, 2022	2022-W010	169-173 West Shore Road	Modification to pathway previously approved without a permit modification IW-20-57
Tuesday July 12, 2022	2022-W011	35 East Shore Road	Tree removal near river/no permit
Monday July 25, 2022	2022-W012	121 West Shore Road	Installation of retaining wall/stairs without permit
Monday July 25, 2022	Clarification request letter	179 West Shore Road	Trees for removal on property
Tuesday July 26, 2022	Clarification request letter	70 River Road	Debris in culvert
Tuesday July 26, 2022	Clarification request letter	11 Loomarwick Road	Equipment in IW/URA
Date	Site Inspection	Notes	
Monday June 20, 2022	Lake Waramaug including 99, 169-173, 181, 217, 285	Permitted projects progressing	
Tuesday July 5, 2022	Lake Waramaug including 99, 169-173, 217	Permitted projects progressing, property reviews	
Thursday July 14, 2022	Lake Waramaug including 99, 169-173, 217, 179	Projects and site observations	
Tuesday July 19, 2022	Lake Waramaug including 99, 169-173, 217, Loomarwick corner	Projects and site observations	