

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
November 9, 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. Gendron

Members Absent: Mr. Bennett, Ms. Dubow

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

Public Present: Mr. Vogt, Mr. & Mrs. Haestad, via Zoom: Mr. Seelye

Regular Business

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

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

10-26-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 10-26-2022 as submitted, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

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

None

Pending Applications:

RAB CT, LLC/52 Calhoun St/Application for Permit #IW-22-56/Aquatic vegetation management: Mr. Vogt from New England Aquatic, was present to represent the property owner. The IWC did not have any further questions.

Motion: To approve application for Permit #IW-22-56 - for RAB CT, LLC. – 52 Calhoun Street for aquatic vegetation management, by machine, in pond per plan titled “Vegetation Clearing and Planting Plan,” prepared by B. Neff, P.E., revision date of 9-24-22, with hand drawn revisions indicating area of phragmites to be removed, and the permit application signed by R. Mnuchin dated 10-19-22 with accompanying documentation. This permit is valid for five (5) 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. 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. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

Town of Washington/Bridge over E. Aspetuck – New Preston Hill Rd/Application for Permit #IW-22-57/Bridge Rehabilitation: Mr. Seelye of Cardinal Engineering was present to discuss this application. He briefly described how the abutments and wing walls of the bridge need repair.

The IWC accepted the application and schedule a site inspection for Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Other Business:

Mr. and Mrs. Haestad were present to represent Romac LLC., property owners of 60 and 64 River Rd and discuss silviculture and other agricultural activities that are occurring at these properties. They explained that they removed invasive trees such as black locust and replaced them with native specimen trees that encourage other native plantings to grow. They have been working on eliminating the Japanese Knot Weed and have been cultivating a healthy riparian buffer that protects the Shepaug River. The Haestads explained that they work on one section at a time and when they are done removing the invasives the area endophyte free pasture grass and clover is planted to create a grassed forested edge that captures surface and subsurface water.

The Haestads noted that they have worked with certified foresters, arborists, and soil scientists. The soil is tested biannually and they are following the recommendations from these professionals

The IWC stated that they would like to schedule a site inspection in the spring of 2023 and requested a phased sequence of construction.

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives:

Ms. Haverstock did not have any enforcement issues to report. She informed the IWC that she and Mr. Papsin visited active sites around Lake Waramaug to make sure that the sedimentation and erosion controls were installed and maintained properly because of the expected rain for the coming weekend.

Administrative Business:

None

Communications:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 7:56 by Mr. Papsin, seconded by Ms. Bogue

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator
11-9-22

Minutes are subject to approval

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