

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
December 14, 2022
Regular Meeting
Hybrid – Zoom and Main Level Conference Room
MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Koppel, Alt.

Staff Present: Ms. White

Public Present: Mr. Lemire

Regular Business

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

11-22-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 11-22-2022 as submitted, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

11-30-2022 Special Meeting Minutes – Site Inspection Report:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 11-30-2022 Site Inspection Report by Mr. Koppel for New Preston Hill Bridge over the East Aspetuck River – Permit #IW-22-57, 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:

Town of Washington/Bridge over E. Aspetuck – New Preston Hill Rd/Application for Permit #IW-22-57/Bridge Rehabilitation: Mr. Lemire of Cardinal Engineering was present to discuss this application. Mr. Lemire stated that they would have to bid the project before they would know exactly when they would be able to start but they will start during the dry season. He noted that a construction sequence could be provided when they know the contractor that is going to do the job.

The Commissioners discussed some possible additional conditions of approval. Mr. Lemire stated that Cardinal Engineering will be performing the inspections throughout the project. The IWC suggested that the inspection reports should be sent to the Enforcement Officer. Mr. Lemire said that that could be arranged.

Mr. Lemire confirmed that the waterflow will not be stopped but redirected with sand bags.

There were no further questions.

Motion: To approve application for Permit #IW-22-57- submitted by Cardinal Engineering for the Town of Washington – New Preston Hill Bridge (bridge No. 105-004)157 for rehabilitation of bridge over the East Aspetuck River per drawing set titled “Town of Washington Plan for the Rehabilitation of New Preston Hill Road Over East Aspetuck River (Bridge No. 105-004) Pages 1-11, sheet HW-286_01 & HW-815_01, prepared for Town of Washington by Cardinal Engineering Associates, dated October 2022, and the Inland Wetlands Permit Application submitted October 27, 2022 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, 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, 4. the applicant provide a construction sequence and schedule to the IWC for review prior to commencement of work, 5. Work shall be done during the dry season, 6. A photo journal shall be maintained throughout the project, 7. Site Inspection Reports by Cardinal Engineering shall be submitted to the Enforcement Officer during the course of the work, 8. The applicant will notify the Enforcement Officer of key points during the rehabilitation, 9. A Inspection Report shall be provided to the E.O. after any ½” or more rainfall. 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. Audit, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

Baratta/236 Nettleton Hollow Rd/Application for Permit/Application for Permit #IW-22-63/Culvert installation & streambank stabilization:

Mr. Lemire of Cardinal Engineering was present via Zoom to represent the property owner of 236 Nettleton Hollow.

He shared his screen to display the drawings titled, “Baratta Property Preliminary Design Plans – Culvert Installation & Streambank Stabilization (Northern Area), Culvert General Plan & Streambank Stabilization (Central Area),” sheets 7-9, dated November 22, 2022.

The IWC asked Mr. Lemire to speak about the construction access roads. Mr. Lemire informed the IWC as to how the construction vehicles would enter and exit the site using these access roads. He added that they have been working with the Army Corps of Engineers and DEEP Fisheries. He explained the design and stated that approximately 155 linear feet of the unnamed tributary bank will be stabilized and approximately 285 linear feet of Sprain Brook’s bank will be stabilized. Mr. Lemire pointed out that the existing 60-inch drain pipe is going to remain and they will be adding a 70 inch alongside it.

The IWC asked if the streambed would be widened. Mr. Lemire stated that the downstream side would remain the same but the upstream side would widen a little because of the masonry wall along the north side of the unnamed tributary would have to be rebuilt.

There was a brief discussion regarding the dam at the pond located at the south end of the property. Mr. Lemire confirmed that there is not fish passage upstream in this area.

The Commission accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection for Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and asked that the trees to be taken down and trees to be saved be marked, the construction entrance staked out, the stonewall that has to come down, the staging area(s) and stockpile areas should be indicated on the plan and located on the property for the site inspection. The IWC stated that they would also want to see where the 20-foot swath is located and the tree line for the access to the brook.

Other Business:

None

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives:

The Wetlands Enforcement Officer was not present.

Administrative Business:

Consideration of 2023 Calendar of Scheduled IWC Meetings:

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar for 2023 and Mr. Papsin, Chairman signed upon approval.

Communications:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 7:43, by Mr. Papsin, seconded by Ms. Bogue

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator
12-21-22

Minutes are subject to approval

Link to recording of meeting:

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