

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
March 8, 2023
Regular Meeting
Hybrid
MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room/Zoom Teleconference

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

via Zoom: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gendron, Ms. Dubow, Alt.

Members Absent: Ms. Bogue

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

Public Present: Mr. Pottbecker, Ms. Turoczi

via Zoom: Mr. Lord

Regular Business

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

2-22-2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 2-8-2023 as submitted, by Mr. Koppel, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 4-0 vote.

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

none

Pending Applications:

Robert Green Associates, LLC. for Campuzano/41 Rabbit Hill Road/Application for Permit #IW-23-1/Build single family dwelling, garage and pool partially in URA (3-17-23 =65 Days from receipt):

No one was present to represent this application. Ms. White will call Mr. Green to ask if he and the property owner would like to request and extension.

Pottbecker for Kasden/79 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-5/remove PT wood deck surrounding boat house and replace with composite decking, replace dock with composite dock:

Mr. Pottbecker of WEDocks was present to represent the property owners of 79 West Shore Rd. He submitted a new shoreline plan to show the proposed float within 50' of the shoreline. By request of the IWC, Mr. Pottbecker indicated the location of the anchor for the float will be 49' of the shoreline, initialed and dated 3-8-23 on the plan titled "Proposed Plan."

Motion: To approve application for Permit #IW-23-5 - submitted by Pottbecker for Kasden – 79 West Shore Road to replace the decking around the boat house, install a replacement dock and swim float with Cumaru decking per plan titled "Proposed Plan- TYP 8x8 Swim Float Detail," with initialed changes by C. Pottbecker dated 3-8-23 and the Inland Wetlands Permit Application submitted January 31, 2023 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 Mr. Koppel, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

Lord for Gershenson/181 West Shore/Application for Permit #IW-23-13/Tree removal in URA:

Mr. Lord was present via Zoom as a representative of the property owner. He explained to the IWC that they are proposing to remove approximately fourteen (14) trees in the URA. They plan to leave the stumps of the larger trees and grub out the area for new plantings.

The IWC scheduled a site inspection for March 15, 2023, at 3 p.m. They asked that two full size copies be dropped off at the Land Use Office.

Earth Tones for Jaffe/171 West Morris Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-14/ Remove invasive plants, replace with native plantings, create walking paths, install boardwalks in URA & Wetlands:

Ms. Turoczi of EarthTones was present to represent the property owners. She presented the plan titled "Existing Conditions – 5 Acre River Parcel," prepared for Doug Jaffe by Earth Tones, dated 2-11-2023. She explained that there is a mixture of invasive and native plant species on the parcel. Earth Tones will be removing the invasives without chemicals, by hand pulling, using a weed wrench, cutting and burning. Ms. Turoczi noted that they will be using a mini excavator with a thumb to remove the large invasives. A burn pile is indicated on the plan. She explained that between the river and the property being damp they do not anticipate any issues but they do have a fire hose and pump that they have ready if needed.

The IWC and Ms. Turoczi reviewed the plan titled "Planting Plan," prepared for Doug Jaffe by Earth Tones, dated 2-11-2023. The proposed plan shows 25 feet of boardwalk and the design of the boardwalk which allows for free flow of water during wet times and critter shelter or passage during dryer times. A plant list of all native plants is included on the plan. The IWC asked for a more detailed sequence of construction and a maintenance plan.

A site inspection was scheduled for March 15, 2023, at 4 p.m.

Other Business:

None

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives:

Ms. Haverstock, E.O., stated that she and Mr. Papsin continue to make weekly visits to the sites of current active permits to make sure that sediment and soil erosion controls are in place and operating as expected.

She informed the IWC that a Notice of Violation was issued for the Tunnel Road Bridge project

The property owner from 32 Upper Church Hill Road came in to discuss his N.O.V. with Ms. White and Ms. Haverstock. The fine was paid and the next steps were discussed. An Application to Correct a Violation is forthcoming and the property owner was instructed to have the wetlands and watercourses delineated on the survey and that no additional work may begin on the property. He was also instructed that a separate IW Permit would have to be applied for to do any further work.

Administrative Business:

None

Communications:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn at 7:58 by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator

3-10-2023

Minutes are subject to approval

Link to recording of meeting:

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