

Town of Washington  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
April 12, 2023  
Regular Meeting  
Hybrid  
MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room/Zoom Teleconference

**Members Present:** Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Koppel, Alt.

**via Zoom:** Ms. Dubow, Alt.

**Members Absent:** Ms. Audet, Mr. Gendron

**Staff Present:** Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

**Public Present:** Mr. Pottbecker

**via Zoom:** Ms. Turoczi, Ms. Branson, Mr. Hayden, Members of the Public

**Regular Business**

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Consideration of the Minutes:**

**3-22-2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 3-22-2023 as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

**Special Meeting Minutes: 3-28-2023 Site Inspection Report for 164 West Shore Rd - submitted by B. Bennett:**

**Motion:** To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 3-28-2023 Site Inspection Report by Mr. Bennett for 164 West Shore Road – Permit #IW-23-19, as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

**Special Meeting Minutes: 3-20-2023 Site Inspection Report for 181 West Shore Rd – submitted by M. Dubow:**

**Motion:** To approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 3-20-2023 Site Inspection Report by Ms. Dubow for 181 West Shore Road – Permit #IW-20-13, as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

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

**Motion:** To add “Discussion with S. Hayden to discuss replacement of aerator in Lake Waramaug” under Other Business, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue

**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 stated that she received a request to extend this application through to April 26, 2023.

**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.

Ms. White confirmed that she received an email from Ms. Trolle, Interim Enforcement Officer for the Town of Morris. Ms. Trolle stated that she and the IWC Chair reviewed the plan and fully support the proposed project and noted that it is a great example of the LISD concepts that the Town of Morris has adopted.

**Motion:** To approve the application for Permit #IW-20-14 - submitted by EarthTones for Jaffe at 171 West Morris Rd to remove invasive plants, replace with native plantings, create walking paths, install boardwalks in URA per plans titled, "Existing Conditions – 5 Acre River Parcel," and "Planting Plan – 5 Acres," prepared for Jaffe, by Earth Tones, dated February 11, 2023 and the application dated 03/06/2023 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, and 4. A photo journal shall be submitted to the Enforcement Officer monthly for the first year and quarterly for the remaining years. 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. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

**Willenbrock for Meyer/164 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-19/Upgrading existing drainage, construct: 1. 3' wide x 15' long seawall, 2. 10'x 15' flagstone patio, 3. 2 boulder walls along the shoreline, and planting:**

Mr. Willenbrock notified Ms. White before the meeting that the revised plans would not be ready for tonight's meeting.

Discussion for this application was continued to the April 26, 2023 meeting.

**New Applications to be Received by the Commission:**

**Arthur Howland & Associates for Zaken/199 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-22/Installation of driveway drainage and repaving of existing driveway in URA:**

Mr. Szymanski could not be present at tonight's meeting. He informed Ms. White that he would be able to attend a site inspection.

The IWC scheduled a site inspection for Wednesday, April, 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

**Pottbecker for Forrest/90 Tinker Hill/Application for Permit #IW-23-23/Installation of concrete abutment at shoreline and replace existing dock:**

Mr. Pottbecker from WEDocks was present to represent the property owners. He informed the IWC that he had just emailed the cross section of the abutment to Ms. White. Mr. Pottbecker explained that the existing dock is seasonal and tied to the guard rail and some trees and has anchors in the water. The proposed dock is the same footprint, seasonal, and a new concrete abutment is being proposed to which the new dock will be secured. The concrete abutment would be 4' x 4' with #8 rebar driven into the ground.

There was a brief discussion regarding the abutment and it was noted that an engineer would have to calculate the proper weight and size of the abutment to determine the minimum needed for safe anchoring purposes, based on the size of the proposed dock, and the material to be used. Ms. White stated that if the concrete structure is larger than 4 s.f. it may require a zoning permit.

A site inspection was scheduled on April 19, 2023 following the site inspection at 199 West Shore Rd.

#### **Other Business:**

Mr. Hayden Executive Director of the Lake Waramaug Task Force was present via Zoom Teleconference to discuss the relocation of the one of the aerators in the Lake. He gave a brief history of when the two aerators were installed 35 years ago. The process involves pouring the concrete anchor that is approximately equivalent to a 55 gallon drum in size. This will be done at the Town boat launch and will take about a week to cure. The anchor will then be placed on a barge and taken to the new location and scuba divers will detached the aerator from the current location and bring it to the new location. The new location will allow the aerator to work more efficiently.

The IWC agreed that a permit would be necessary for this activity including a scope of construction and timeline.

#### **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.

#### **Administrative Business:**

None

#### **Communications:**

None

#### **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 7:41 by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Shelley White*

Shelley White  
Land Use Administrator  
4-19-2023

Minutes are subject to approval

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