

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
April 26, 2023
Regular Meeting
Hybrid
MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room/Zoom Teleconference

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

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

Staff Present: Ms. White, Ms. Haverstock

Public Present: Mr. Pottbecker, Ms. Lundberg, Mr. Szymanski,

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

Regular Business

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Seated: Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Audet, Ms. Bogue, Mr. Gendron

Consideration of the Minutes:

4-12-2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes: 4-12-2023 as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 4-19-2023 Site Inspection Report for 199 West Shore Rd - submitted by C. Koppel:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 4-19-2023 Site Inspection Report for 199 West Shore Rd - submitted by C. Koppel – Permit #IW-23-22, as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 4-19-23 Site Inspection Report for 90 Tinker Hill Rd – submitted by J. Audet:

Motion: To approve Special Meeting Minutes: 4-19-2023 Site Inspection Report for 90 Tinker Hill Rd – submitted by J. Audet, 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:

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 (extended to May 10, 2023 Mtg):

No one was present to represent this application. Ms. White stated that she received a request to extend this application through to the regularly scheduled IWC Meeting on May 10, 2023. Ms. White informed the applicant that this is the last permitted extension.

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:

This application was tabled. Mr. Neff, P.E. informed Ms. White that the site plan would not be ready for tonight's meeting.

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, P.E. was present as agent to the Zaken. He addressed the questions that were recorded in the Site Inspection Report (attached) from the 4-19-2023 Site inspection with the IWC. He stated that he added the catch basin where the water entering the existing storm drain at top of the driveway will exit to. A new curtain drain is being proposed along the driveway which captures the runoff from the neighboring property's lawn and drains into the rain garden. He briefly explained how the clean outs work for the curtain drain.

The IWC and Mr. Szymanski discussed the existing swale. The IWC felt that the swale would not be able to hold the water that would hold the water coming from the neighboring property. Mr. Szymanski stated that he would continue the curtain drain to the rain garden. He stated that he will provide a revised "Proposed Driveway Drainage Plan" showing the extension of the curtain drain.

Mr. Papsin asked how often the clean outs would have to be serviced? Mr. Szymanski responded that they would rarely need to be cleaned because the lawn debris will be blown off as part of regular maintenance.

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-23-22 - submitted by Arthur Howland & Associates for Zaken at 199 West Shore Rd for installation of driveway drainage and repaving of existing driveway within the URA per plan titled, "Proposed Driveway Drainage Plan," prepared for Zaken, Arthur H. Howland & Associates, revised April 27, 2023, to show curtain drain to rain garden, and the application signed and dated 03/27/2023 by J. Zaken 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, and 4. No work may commence until revised plan is submitted. 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. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

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.

The IWC and Mr. Pottbecker agreed that Option B as discussed at the Site Inspection of 4-1-23 would be the best way to proceed. Mr. Pottbecker provided a sequence of construction and a list of equipment to be used. There will be no concrete abutment or permanent attachments to the shoreline, a ramp that rests on the ground will lead to the dock which will be anchored with four (4) precast concrete anchors

and marine grade chain as indicated on the plan titled "Forest Residence Option B," submitted by We Docks, Litchfield CT.

It was noted that the DEEP Statewide Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Activity Reporting Form was submitted but not filled out by the applicant.

The IWC agreed that they had no further questions and that after the applicant completed and submitted the DEEP form that the Enforcement Officer could sign off on the application.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

A.H. Howland & Associates for BCLC, LLC/217 West Shore Road/Application for Permit #IW-23-28/Proposed floating dock with floating walkway and ramp that will be hinged to the shore and the dock:

The IWC accepted this application.

Mr. Szymanski was present to represent the property owners of 217 West Shore Road. He explained that there are existing attachment points for the dock and that the dock is a slightly different configuration from the previous one.

The IWC scheduled a site inspection for May 20, 2023, at 4 p.m.

S. Hayden for the Town of Washington/59 East Shore Road/Application for Permit #IW-23-29/Relocation of aerator and installation of new concrete anchor in Lake Waramaug.

Mr. Hayden from the Lake Waramaug Task Force was present to represent the Town of Washington to discuss relocating one of the existing aerators closer to the compressor house, which is located at the Town Beach/Boat Launch property. He explained that the aerators have been in place for thirty (30) years and after studying the lake and the aerators it has been concluded that the further aerator would be more efficient if it was located closer to the compressor house resulting in higher pressure and air delivery rate.

Mr. Hayden explained that a new concrete anchor would be poured at the boat launch location. Iron pins would be inserted while it is wet and the anchor would be left to cure for a week. When the anchor is cured it will be lifted by crane onto the float in the lake and taken to its new location. He explained that the old aerator line will remain in place and used with a diffuser which will be sunk at the old aerator location. The diffuser sits at the bottom of the lake and is turned on at specific times of the year to manipulate the water and promote water quality beneficial organisms.

The far aerator will be detached and moved to the newly sunk anchor location and attached by scuba divers. Mr. Hayden confirmed that there will be a total of three (3) aeration lines coming from the aeration compressor. He explained that a utility barge will be used to bring the new anchor to the proposed location. In order to cause as little disturbance to the bottom of the lake they use airbags that they slowly deflate to sink the anchor slowly.

The IWC accepted this application and scheduled a site inspection to look at the compressor house at 59 East Shore Rd, on May 2, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

A. H. Howland & Associates for Bramson/270 Nettleton Hollow Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-30/Construct horse barn, lunge ring, etc. partially within URA (submitted 4-24-23 – not reviewed by LUA)

And,

A. H. Howland & Associates for Beck/4 Perkins Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-31/installation of drainage and repaving of driveway/road within URA (submitted 4-24-23 – not reviewed by LUA)

Ms. White noted in her Administrative Report for the 4-26-2023 IWC Meeting that these applications are complete.

The IWC accepted these applications.

Other Business:

None.

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives:

Ms. Haverstock noted that there have been no enforcement actions since the last IWC meeting. 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 7:54 by Mr. Papsin

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator

5-3-2023

Minutes are subject to approval

Link to recording of meeting:

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SITE INSPECTION REPORT

- I. APPLICATION # IW-23-22 INSPECTION DATE: 04/19/2023
- II. NAME: Arthur Howland & Associates for Zaken TIME: 15:00
- III. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 199 West Shore Rd
- IV. REASON FOR APPLICATION: Installation of driveway drainage and repaving of existing driveway in URA
- V. COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Papsin, Bruce Bennett, Larry Gendron, Joline Audet, Jennifer Bogue, Christopher Koppel
- VI. STAFF PRESENT:
- VII. OTHERS PRESENT: Paul S. Szymanski, P.E.
- VIII. OBSERVATIONS:

Commission members and Mr. Szymanski met at the top of the driveway. Driveway asphalt is to be removed starting at the top of the drive in the parking area, and working way down driveway to West Shore Road. Not asphalt would be stored onsite at any time. Removed asphalt would be loaded directly into a truck and hauled offsite. No subsurface road base would be removed. New asphalt would utilize existing base. Moisture was observed coming through degrading/compromised asphalt toward bottom of driveway hill. In this area, two subsurface curtain drains would be installed (details on plan provided by Arthur Howland & Associates). These would take the subsurface clean groundwater and direct it into piping that would lead to storm drain on West Shore Road. This will prevent future asphalt degradation, and minimize need for salt use in winter season.

Toward the top of the driveway, starting near the existing storm drain, and exposed curtain drain will be installed to catch all surface water coming from lawns and adjacent lands uphill from property. The drain would be a narrow stone trench, leading toward the existing rain garden, which looked to be performing well. No compromises to berm. Carex sp. (Sedges), Juncus (Rushes), and Onoclea sensibilis (Sensitive Fern) all appeared to be thriving.

Some questions to be addressed at meeting 04/26/23

- Clarification if current storm drain at top of the driveway will feed into proposed exposed surface curtain drain.
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- Clarification on water entering and exiting existing storm drain at top of the driveway.
- How do cleanouts work on proposed exposed surface curtain drain and how are they maintained.
- Clarity on driveway base shown on plan. Is this to be installed, or is this already existing onsite.
- Piping on plan does not appear to correspond with what is visible in the field.
- Clarification on what waters current rain garden accepts, beyond surface waters of adjacent lawns.

SITE INSPECTION COMPLETION TIME: 16:00

Respectfully Submitted:

Christopher Koppel

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SITE INSPECTION REPORT

I. APPLICATION #IW-23-23

INSPECTION DATE: 04/19/23

II. NAME: WE Docks/Potbecker for Forrest

TIME: 3:45 pm

III. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 90 Tinker Hill Rd.

IV. REASON FOR APPLICATION: Installation of concrete abutment at shoreline and dock replacement

V. COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Papsin, Larry Gendron, Chris Koppel, Jennifer Anthony-Bogue, Joline Audet

VI. STAFF PRESENT: None

VII. OTHERS PRESENT: Colin Potbecker

OBSERVATIONS: The participants met at the edge of Lake Waramaug. The day was sunny and dry.

Option A and Option B drawings were presented as proposed construction methods. Option A had a poured in place concrete landing and Option B had the dock ramp simply resting on the shoreline. Due to shoreline conditions, existing tree growth and concern for lake edge, Option A was eliminated as an option. Option B is the only proposed construction method that will be presented to the Commission for consideration at this time. This method provides for no permanent attachments to the shoreline with anchors keeping the dock structure in place. A construction sequence along with list of equipment to be used was requested.

The site visit was concluded at approx. 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Joline Audet