

Town of Washington
Inland Wetlands Commission
May 24, 2023
Regular Meeting
Hybrid
MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

Main Conference Room/Zoom Teleconference

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

Via Zoom: Mr. Gendron

Absent: Ms. Dubow, Alt.

Staff Present: Ms. Haverstock, Ms. White

Public Present: P. Szymanski

Via Zoom: Members of the Public

Regular Business

Mr. Papsin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

5-10-2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes: 5-10-2023 as submitted, by Mr. Bennett seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 5-16-23 Site Inspection Report for 270 Nettleton Hollow Rd – submitted by L Gendron:

Motion: To approve Special Meeting Minutes: 5-16-2023 Site Inspection Report for 270 Nettleton Hollow Rd – submitted by L. Gendron, as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Audet, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes: 5-16-2023 Site Inspection Report for 4 Perkins Rd - submitted by B. Bennett:

It was noted that Mr. Gendron attended this site inspection and was not listed as present.

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 5-16-2023 Site Inspection Report for 4 Perkins Rd – submitted by B. Bennett – Permit #IW-23-31, as amended, by Ms. Bogue, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

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

None

Pending Applications:

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.

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):

Mr. Szymanski of A.H. Howland & Associates was present to represent the property owners.

It was noted that the Inland Wetland Commissioners visited the site (Site Inspection Report attached). The IWC had no further questions for the applicant.

Motion: To approve an agricultural exemption for proposed horse barn, lunging ring, sanitary system and related appurtenances at 270 Nettleton Hollow Road per application #IW-23-30 submitted on April 24, 2023, by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, P.C., and plan titled, "Proposed Sanitary Disposal System Plan for Horse Barn," prepared for Edward J. Bramson by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, PC, sheet HORS.2 with revision date of 1-11-2023, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Bogue, passed by 5-0 vote.

Ms. Audet recused herself from the next application.

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

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):

Mr. Szymanski of A.H. Howland & Associates submitted a revised plan titled , "Proposed Road Drainage Plan," prepared for Beck, by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, sheet SD.2, revised May 24, 2023. He noted that he addressed the commission's questions and concerns from the May 16, 2023 site inspection (report attached).

Note #4 of the revised site plan states that "no excavations are to remain open overnight." The IWC stated that an additional condition stating that work should be done within the dry season of July through September should be included in the motion of approval.

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-23-31 - submitted by Arthur Howland & Associates for Beck at 4 Perkins Road for installation of drainage and repaving of existing driveway/road within the URA per plan titled, "Proposed Road Drainage Plan," prepared for Beck, by Arthur H. Howland & Associates, sheet SD.2, revised May 24, 2023, and the application submitted April 24, 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, 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. Work will be done during the dry season of July through September. 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 Mr. Koppel, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

No new applications.

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 briefly went over the permits that have been issued since the last meeting.

Administrative Business:

None

Communications:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: to adjourn the May 24, 2023 Washington Inland Wetlands Commission meeting at 7:22pm, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelley White

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Land Use Administrator

Minutes are subject to approval

Link to recording of meeting:

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SITE INSPECTION REPORT

APPLICATION: IW-23-30

INSPECTION DATE: 05/16/23

TIME: 4:00-4:20 P.M.

APPLICANT: Mr. Edward J. Bramson

ADDRESS: 270 Nettleton Hollow Road, Washington, CT 06793

REASON FOR APPLICATION: Construction of a horse barn and roofed lunge ring. The removal of an existing driveway and the reconstruction of a new driveway, all within the URA .

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Papsin, Bruce Bennett, Joline Audet, Jennifer Bogue, Melinda Dubow, Christopher Koppel and Larry Gendron

STAFF PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Paul Syzamanski of Arthur H. Howland & Associates and Pierre Gilissen, Nettleton Hill Farm

OBSERVATIONS:

Participants met at the entrance to 270 Nettleton Hollow and drove across the bridge which crosses Sprain brook and proceeded up (east) the winding paved drive to the open field on the southeastern edge of the property. The property was well maintained and the area was cleared and free of any and all materials and or debris. The three intermittent streams all clearly visible with rip rap embankment enforcement.

Mr. Syzmanski confirmed that the previously approved construction of a horse barn in the southeastern area will be slightly altered in size and placement. He stated that the new proposed barn will have a larger footprint.

The barn will be constructed on a slab on grade concrete base, with a half basement for water equipment and utility storage.

Mr. Syzmanski confirmed that the existing driveway which runs along the property line (the eastern edge) will be removed, and a new driveway will be constructed (on the western side of the proposed barn and lunge ring).

All proposed primary and reserve septic systems will remain in the pre-approved location(s), as well as the subsurface sewage disposal system. All drainage systems from proposed barn will be adjusted, slightly, per new footprint.

Notes:

As specified on Control Plan HSES.1 / March 16, 2023: special care will be taken to ensure all silt fencing, hay bales, silt box and construction fencing will be monitored and replaced if damaged, throughout the entire duration of the project.

There is an existing agricultural exemption.

To be checked: Is this its own application or an alteration to a previously approved application.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gendron

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SITE INSPECTION REPORT

- I. **APPLICATION:** Permit #IW-23-31

INSPECTION DATE: 05/16/2023 **TIME:** 4:50
- II. **NAME:** Arthur A. Howland & Associates, P.C. for Beck
- III. **PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 4 Perkins Rd., Washington, CT
- IV. **REASON FOR APPLICATION:** Proposed Road Drainage
- V. **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Bennett, Chris Koppel, Jennifer Anthony-Bogue, Joline Audet, Bob Papsin
- VI. **STAFF PRESENT:** None
- VII. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul Szymanski, P.E.
- VIII. **OBSERVATIONS:** Commissioners met on Perkins Road in the uphill vicinity of the proposed drainage activity to extend down slope to the entrance of Perkins Road at West Shore Road. The weather was clear and dry. Commissioner Joline Audet recused herself from consideration of this application. Several of the Commissioners discussed their personal historical observations of the substantial water runoff in this area. It was noted that the new residential construction (in progress east of Perkins Road) uphill included drainage features that collected runoff entering the lot and directed it away and to the east of the lot and Perkins Road. There was an existing catch basin in the uphill vicinity that collects runoff from the upper portion of Perkins Road and directs it to an open boulder detention basin with an existing 8" PVC outlet the terminus of which is unknown. It was noted that the proposed activity is similar in nature to the approved driveway drainage for Zaken, 199 West Shore Road. Rutting and erosion was observed along the eastern edge of Perkins Road. Mr. Szymanski explained the overall plan of installing numerous cross-road subterranean curtain drains beneath the pavement of Perkins Road with a continuous open curtain drain ("predominant curtain drain") running the eastern edge of Perkins Road to the intersection with West Shore Road. The predominant curtain drain feature follows the path of the previous utilities installation that was permitted (drainage features above the utilities already installed). The construction work will commence at the bottom terminus and proceed uphill. The construction work is to be performed during the dry season beginning on or about September. The repaving

of Perkins Road is to be pitched to direct road sheet flow to the proposed predominant open curtain drain running alongside Perkins Road. Curbing to be installed along lower eastern edge of Perkins Road to assist in run off containment. The proposed predominant curtain drain is to be widened from 24" to 36". There was inquiry concerning whether the proposed 8" perforated PVC pipe within the predominant proposed curtain drain was of sufficient size to accommodate the anticipated run off quantity and availability of clean out access for the pipe. Disruption of the existing pavement was observed indicative of water percolating up beneath the pavement and hence, the apparent need for the numerous cross-road under pavement curtain drains that connect with the proposed predominant curtain drain. Mr. Szymanski explained that the proposed predominant curtain drain will tie into the existing catch basin on the south side of West Shore Road east of the entrance to Perkins Road. This catch basin empties directly into Lake Waramug. Commissioner Papsin expressed concern about runoff laden with road salt or other substances entering Lake Waramug from this catch basin. Mr. Szymanski explained that the outlet pipe from this terminus catch basis will be elevated above the bottom of the catch basin so as to minimize infiltration of suspended solids into Lake Waramug. There will not be any stockpiling on site and robust erosion control measures (hay Bales) are to be implemented to prevent migration of soil and spoils into Lake Waramug during construction.

The site visit was concluded at approximately 5:20

Respectfully Submitted: Bruce P. Bennett