

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

MINUTES

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

Via Zoom: Ms. Dubow, Alt.

Members Absent: Ms. Anthony-Bogue

Public Present: L. Turoczi, B. Neff, J. Watts, P. Szymanski, A. Jamieson (Press: Voices)

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

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

Consideration of the Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes 7-12-2023:

Mr. Papsin noted that the date of the meeting was incorrect and should be amended to July 12, 2023.

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes: 7-12-2023 as amended, by Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed by 5-0 vote.

Special Meeting Minutes for 7-19-2023 site inspection for Green/197 West Shore Road:

Motion: To approve the Special Meeting Minutes: 7-19-2023 Site Inspection Report for Green - 197 West Shore Rd. - submitted by J. Audet – #IW-23-42, as submitted, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gendron, passed by 5-0 vote.

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

None

Pending Applications:

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

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- (Applicant requested extension to 7-26-2023 Mtg):

Mr. Willenbrock withdrew this application and will reapply at a later date.

Cesari/99 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-40/replace existing dock:

This application was tabled due to lack of representation at meeting.

Green/197 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-42/ installation of curtain drain, tie into drainage, pave existing parking area within URA:

Motion: To approve the application for Permit #IW-23-42 – Green – 197 West Shore Road – for the installation of a curtain drain, tie into drainage and pave existing parking area within URA, as shown in the site plan by Arthur H. Howland and Associates, page SD.2, dated 3-29-2023 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. 4. That the plans will indicate that there will be ground disturbance and work performed in the URA. 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 Ms. Audet, seconded by Mr. Koppel, passed by 5-0 vote.

New Applications to be Received by the Commission:

Turoczi for Baldwin/257 West Shore Rd/Application for Permit #IW-23-50/ to remove invasive and girdled tree, replace with native tree, build a bio swale/ raingarden, and install native plants:

The Commission accepted the application.

Lisa Turoczi, representing the property owner, stated that her clients were proposing the removal of invasives and dying trees, opening a pre-existing berm and building a bio swale/rain garden. She explained that anything native will stay and what is invasive will be removed. There is an existing stone patio with steps that will remain, as well as existing wooden mooring. There is erosion at the water line that will be fixed by pressing already present rocks into the hill, (Mr. Bennett suggested that the plan be revised to show this is above the water line). The dying trees will be replaced with sweetgum trees. A small fence – no taller than the crest of the road as stated in the regulations and will be applied for through Zoning. The property owners would like to add more of a lawn area, so Ms. Turoczi stated that she would be adding a “No Mow Mix” for the area. There would not be any chemicals involved whatsoever, and one area would be worked on at a time leaving no soil to be exposed at the end of each day.

The Commission scheduled a site walk for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 3:30pm.

**Arthur H. Howland & Associates for Stiteler/198 Tinker Hill/Application for Permit #IW-23- 51/
Proposed construction of a previously approved accessory structure, driveway, well, raingarden,
grading, drainage and other related appurtenances:**

The Commission accepted the application.

Paul Szymanski of Arthur H. Howland & Associates, representing the property owner, explained that this application had been approved in 2016, however the permit expired. His clients are proposing the exact plans as previously approved.

The Commission scheduled a site walk for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 immediately following the previously scheduled site walk.

**Brian Neff, P.E. for Levande/ 137 West Shore Road/Application for Permit #IW-23-52/filling and
grading lawn area north of the septic leaching field, blend and reduce grade slope:**

The Commission accepted the application.

Brian Neff, P.E., representing the property owner, stated that the final inspection for the septic had been completed earlier in the day. His clients would like to fill and grade the lawn area and re-seed the area. The area does go into the upland review area. The area North of the septic leaching fields are on a slope, so his clients are proposing to blend and reduce the grade slope.

The Commission scheduled a site walk for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 immediately following the previously scheduled site walks.

Other Business:

None

Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives:

Ms. Haverstock reported that she and Mr. Papsin would be completing several site walks the following day and would report back to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled Inland Wetlands meeting.

Administrative Business:

None

Communications:

None

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the July 26, 2023 Washington Inland Wetlands Commission meeting at 7:28pm, by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Koppel, approved unanimously.

Meeting Recording can be found here:

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Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Rill
Land Use Clerk
7-27-2023

*Minutes filed, subject to approval