**Inland Wetlands Commission**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**April 10, 2019**

**7:00 p.m. Main Level Meeting Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Wadelton, Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Davis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Papsin, Mr. Bennett

**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** Mr. Kassis, Mr. Matthews

**STAFF PRESENT:**  Ms. White, Mr. Tsacoyannis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Larson, One member of the public.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Wadelton welcomed new Alternate Member, Ms. Branson to the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Mr. Wadelton called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and seated himself, Mr. LaMuniere, Mr. Davis, and Ms. Branson (for Mr. Bennett).

**Consideration of the Minutes**

The regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2019 were considered.

**MOTION:** To accept the 3-27-19 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted, by Mr. Davis, seconded by

Ms. Branson, and passed 4-0 vote.

Site Visit: Steep Rock Association - 124 Christian St - 4-3-19:

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes from the site visit for #IW-19-13, Steep Rock Association at 124 Christian St., by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Branson, passed by 4-0 vote.

**Subsequent Business**

There was no subsequent business to add to the agenda.

**Pending Applications**

**Steep Rock Association/124 Christian Street/Permit #IW-19-13/Herbicide Treatment of Invasive Species:**

The MSD Sheets and letter from Connecticut DEEP regarding their easement on the property were submitted by the applicant. The Commission had no further questions or comments regarding this application.

**MOTION:** To approve Permit #IW-19-13 for Steep Rock Association at 124 Christian St., to apply herbicide treatment of invasive plant species, per plan titled “Invasive Plant Management (4.5 Acres)” prepared by Rory Larson, for three years, subject to the following conditions: 1. that the Land Use Office be notified at least 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 give the contractor copies of both the motion of approval and approved plans prior to the commencement of work, and 3. any changes to the plans as approved must be submitted immediately to the Commission for review; in considering this application, the Commission has determined that no reasonable and prudent alternatives exist, and believes that there is no reasonable probability of significant adverse impact on any wetlands or watercourses, by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. LaMuniere, passed by 4-0 vote.

**New Applications**

**Steep Rock Association/185 Tunnel Rd/Permit #IW-19-15/SR2 Campsite Bank Stabilization:**

Mr. Larson from Steep Rock Association described the proposed plan that the Steep Rock Association has developed to address the serious bank erosion at Campsite #2, on the west side of the Shepaug River. He noted that Steep Rock is proposing to stabilize 45 feet of eroded bank and a red maple tree with exposed roots. Mr. Larson explained that they would use woody debris which will be a large white oak that will be harvested close to the time of installation and that would be wedged under the root wad of the maple and then filled with coarse rock, cobble size stone and a mix of rock and soil on top which will be seeded to stabilize the tree. He informed the Commissioners that they are planning to do this late summer-early fall.

The Commissioners looked at photographs of the existing conditions of the river bank and the red maple tree with exposed roots as well as the map titled “SR2 Campsite Bank Stabilization,” prepared by Mr. Larson, and the plan titled “SR2 Campsite Bank Stabilization,” prepared by Mr. Larson.

Mr. Larson explained to the Commission that they are proposing to use 4 earth anchors and cables to stabilize the white oak and will fill behind with rock with a soil layer on top. The white oak has an estimated life of 15-20 years. The white oak and proposed boulder will be dropped in place with an excavator.

The Commission requested that the rocks that will be put behind the log for stabilization and the flat stones planned for the entrance of the river are indicated on the plan. The Commission will be able to vote on this application at the April 24th Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

**Other Business**

**Collins/323 West Shore Road/Noncompliance with Permit #IW-17-31**

Mr. Wadelton noted that the Commission agreed at the last meeting to table this matter and continue the discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Inland Wetland Commission on April 24, 2019.

**Enforcement**

**Activity Report:**

Mr. Tsacoyannis submitted the activity report and reviewed properties with the Commissioners and how he will be following up.

There was a brief discussion regarding bonds.

**Communications**

There were no communications to discuss.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 8:17 pm, by Mr. Wadelton, passed unanimously.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley White

Land Use Administrator

\*All documents are on file in the Land Use Office