

Town of Warren
Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2017 – 7:00PM
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

Present: **Chairman:** Keith Jewell, **Vice Chairman:** Cindy Shook, **Members:** John Favreau, Nancy Binns and Nora Hulton, **Alternate:** Tom Caldwell, **Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer:** Stacey Sefcik, **Land Use Secretary:** Stephanie Dubray
Absent: **Alternate:** Darin Willenbrock.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

- a. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:09PM by Chairman Jewell. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office. All Regular members were seated for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. No business discussed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. August 24 2017 regular meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, second Mr. Favreau, to **accept** the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 24, 2017; **unanimously approved.**

4. PENDING APPLICATIONS:

- a. **Litchfield Hills Painting & Contracting, LLC for Gabriella Dickenson-Hiatt, 184 Lake Road – Construction of Accessory Structure in the Regulated Area.**

Applicant chose to withdraw the application at this time.

- b. **Arthur Howland & Associates for Samgold, LLC – 102 North Shore – AFTER-THE-FACT – Sand Replenishment at Shoreline and Drainage Improvements in the Regulated Area.**

Mr. Szymanski presents to the commission the revised plan included with turtlehead plantings. Ms. Sefcik explained that due to the recently adopted beach maintenance regulations, the sand replenishment would need to be approved under certain conditions.

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, second Mr. Favreau to **approve** the application; **unanimously approved.**

5. NEW APPLICATIONS (Receive and Determine Significance):

a. Daniel Lago, 34 Kent Road – AFTER-THE-FACT – Construction of Stone Retaining Wall in the Regulated Area.

Mr. Lago presented to the commission his original plans and explained the need for a retaining wall. Ms. Sefcik explained that there were some questions regarding the disturbance to the wetlands which is the reason Mr. Neff is looking into that.

MOTION: Ms. Binns, second Ms. Hulton to **receive** the application; **unanimously approved.**

b. Dean Gregory Building & Remodeling for Paul & Mercy Ji, 2 Laurel Mountain Road – Construct In-Ground Swimming Pool, Deck, & Shed in the Upland Review Area.

Mr. Gregory presented to the commission his building plans for the site mentioned. Ms. Sefcik explained there are no concerns to address, due to the fact that no fill or material is needed.

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, second Mr. Favreau to **accept** the application; **unanimously approved.**

MOTION: Ms. Binns, second Ms. Hulton to **amend the agenda** to add item 5C – David Robinson, 211 North Shore Road- Request for declaratory ruling to construct 750sq.ft. farm pond.

c. David Robinson, 211 North Shore Road - Request for Declaratory Ruling to Construct 750 sq. ft. Farm Pond.

Mr. Robinson presented to the commission his plans for a farm pond. He explained that there are two other ponds on the property that were previously approved. There was brief discussion regarding the layout and placement of the proposed pond.

MOTION: Ms. Shook, second Ms. Hulton to declare that the activities described in the matter of David Robinson, 211 North Shore Road – Construction of 750 sq. ft. farm pond, represent a permitted use as of right under section 4.1A of the Town of Warren Inland Wetlands Regulations.

The commission then chose to move to item 8 on the agenda.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

a. Arthur Howland & Associates for Catherine Deckelbaum, 33 Arrow Point Road – Request to Modify Permit #16-09-01W Issued September 22, 2016 to Include Removal of Existing Gazebo, Removal of Gravel Pad & Concrete Ramp, Refurbish Existing Mortared Stone Dock.

Mr. Szymanski presents to the commission his plans to modify and remove the gazebo, ramp, piping and repair the existing dock. As discussed, there will be plantings for buffering near the ramp area. The commission briefly discussed that these were positive modifications to the permit.

MOTION: Ms. Shook, second Mr. Favreau to **approve** the request for modification of permit 16-09-01W subject to the approval of plantings by Mr. Hayden and Ms. Sefcik; **unanimously approved.**

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.

- a. Ms. Sefcik briefly explained the details of the past months enforcement needs. It was noted that the timber harvest was completed and that they may return in the near future. In addition, inspections have started up again at 121 N Shore Rd, but there are no concerns at this time.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Ms. Hulton to **accept** the Zoning Enforcement Officer's report; **unanimously approved.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. *The Habitat* quarterly newsletter was passed around to the commission for review along with the registration sign up for the CACIWC's 40th Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference.
- b. The *Connecticut Wildlife Magazine* was passed around to the commission for review.
- c. Briefly discussed the possibility of having Mr. Hayden present his LID (Low-Impact-Development) presentation to the commission.

Motion: Mr. Favreau, second Ms. Hulton to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:37 PM; **unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Dubray".

Stephanie Dubray
Land Use Secretary