

Town of Warren
Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 7:00PM
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

Present: **Chairman:** Keith Jewell, **Members:** Nancy Binns, Nora Hulton and John Favreau, **Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer:** Stacey Sefcik, **Land Use Secretary:** Stephanie Dubray

Excused: **Vice Chairman:** Cindy Shook, **Alternate:** Tom Caldwell

Absent: **Alternate:** Darin Willenbrock

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

- a. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01PM 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. Stephen Owens, 121 North Shore Road – Request to Modify Inland Wetlands Permit #16-07-01W Issued July 28, 2016 and Modified November 28, 2016 to Include the Removal of Approximately 37 Trees Along the Eastern Property Line. (**APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**).

No discussion at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. January 25, 2018 regular meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Binns, second Mr. Favreau to **approve** the minutes from the January 25, 2018 regular meeting; **unanimously approved.**

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Stephen Owens, 121 North Shore Road – Request to Modify Inland Wetlands Permit #16-07-01W Issued July 28, 2016 and Modified November 28, 2016 to Include the Removal of Approximately 37 Trees Along the Eastern Property Line. (**APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**).

No discussion at this time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. AH Howland & Associates for Samgold, LLC, 108 North Shore Road – Shoreline Stabilization.

Mr. Jeremy Oskandy presents to the commission the site plan for the property. Due to some undercut, eroded areas, the owner would like to fill the proposed area with boulders and filter fabric. The applicant was looking to have the work done as soon as it warms up, but it was mentioned the lake may be drawn down in the fall for the Dam repair, creating a perfect opportunity to complete the work. Mr. Oskandy explained that he would check with the applicant to see what their thoughts are. There was little concern as to whether or not the applicant would be concerned this would worsen over that period of time, between now and this fall. Ms. Sefcik passed around some photos of the site. It was mentioned that this is wooded shoreline, not beach front. There are no planting plans or tree removal because they wish to avoid disturbing the area. Mr. Jewell would like clarification as to a pipe seen in the aforementioned photos, he will find out and report back. It was discussed that ideally, the best time to complete the work would be when the lake is drawn down.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Ms. Hulton to **accept** the application with the condition that the commission hears a response from the applicant as to the urgency, how quickly this erosion occurred, and to clarify what the pipe is used for on-site; **unanimously approved.**

- b. Lincoln Turner for The Gunnery School, applicant; Town of Warren, owner – Request for Declaratory Ruling to Install Anchors and Cables for Rowing Racecourse at Two Locations on Lake

Waramaug Lakebed Located within the Town of Warren: (1) Approximately Located Off of 32 Arrow Point Road and (2) Approximately Located Off of Lake Waramaug State Park Shoreline at 30 Lake Waramaug Road, Town of Kent.

Mr. Lincoln Turner presents to the commission an explanation for installation of a new rowing racecourse. They are looking to run stainless steel cables 1500 meters from the South shore in Washington, to the finish line, which is in the lake, midway through the State Park. The lane lines will be put down in April, as usual, and removed in May. This proposal includes the installation of four lateral lines, two in Washington and two in Warren. In order to do this, anchors will need to be installed in the lake bed, with a thin cable running across. Mr. Turner presented an example of the cable thickness to the commission. Third week of April, they would hook it, pull it up, attach and tension it to the lane lines. The lateral lines would stay on the lake bed, low enough where it would not interfere with boating and such. It is left loosely on the floor, so if it were hooked by an anchor or lure, someone could simply detach it. It was briefly discussed how the anchors are to be installed. In shallow water, a dart anchor made of stainless steel is used. Another option would require deeper water, which would include blocks. It was recommended by Mr. Hayden that the applicant use the nylon from the existing course to cable together, and lift the blocks when the steel lines need to be replaced, which is estimated to occur between five and eight years. Ms. Sefcik read aloud a letter written by Mr. Hayden, he has no concerns with the proposal. The Town of Warren owns the lake bed in Warren, and Mr. Craig Nelson has signed off and given his approval of this. The neighboring towns of Washington and Kent have been notified of this application. There currently are seven steel rods that they are proposing to be removed when the lake is drawn down. There is no concrete holding the rods in, but it was mentioned they could either flush cut the rods, or have them completely removed, which was Mr. Turner's preference. Ms. Sefcik read aloud Section 4.2, explaining the installation of the racecourse could fall under a declaratory ruling. It was explained that the steel rods are about an inch and a quarter thick. There is no urgency in removing the rods at this time. The commission asked that they be notified before the steel rods are removed, and that the applicant return to the commission before completing any work on the shoreline.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Ms. Hulton, to **approve installation of racecourse as a declaratory ruling** based on Section 4.2; **unanimously approved.**

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

- a. The commission briefly discussed the Cove, owned by Mr. Horgan. He is looking to restore the dock, and include a small, low stone wall. Stump removal will be needed. Silt socks will be included along the shoreline. Ms. Sefcik and Mr. Hayden have no concerns. A photo was shown of an example stone wall.
- b. Brief discussion of a previous property with concerns that appears to be for sale. If sold, the Land Use conflicts remain with the parcel.

7. CORRESPONDECE

- a. The Land Use trainings are being rescheduled to March 6 and March 27, 2018.
- b. Land Use office received a notice from the Town of Washington for The Gunnery.
- c. The professional review fees have been paid for 121 North Shore Rd.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

- a. No business was discussed

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Ms. Binns to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:42PM; **unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

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