

TOWN OF WARREN
Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2020 – 7:00 pm
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

Via Zoom Videoconference (See link to recording below)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES

Chairman John Favreau called the meeting to order at 7:30. Nancy Binns, Nora Hulton, and Vice Chairwoman Cynthia Shook were present and constituted a quorum. Member Thomas Caldwell was absent, as were alternates Darin Willenbrock and Tara Tanner,

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Binns to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held September 3, 2020. Ms. Hulton, SECONDED. All four voting members were in favor. The minutes were APPROVED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Inland Wetlands Application **No. 20-09-04 / Michael M. Guadagno / 31 Arrow Point Road** (Map 45 Lot 33) / Request for renewal of expired permit Inland Wetlands Permit No. 14-10-02W

Ms. Hodza related her findings on the site walk she had taken with Mr. Guadagno on Tuesday, September 22nd. Mr. Guadagno narrated some of the history of the property's issues with runoff and ways that it has been and continues to be managed. Sean Hayden of the Lake Waramaug Task Force and Josh Tanner from the Public Works Department of Warren have both visited the site and were made aware of pooling water on and near the road at the front of Mr. and Mrs. Guadagno's property. The issue at hand, however, is the replacement of the existing wood deck at the shoreline with its expansion on three sides. A permit had been issued in 2014 for the replacement of the existing deck and was modified to include stone steps into the water. The steps were placed when the neighbor was doing some work lakeside and had been required to place a boom in the water to protect the lake from siltation. After some questions from the Commission, especially regarding plantings that might help slow overland water flow toward the lake, Mr. Guadagno stated that he planned to extend the sprinkler system to enable grass to grow, which would in turn assist in the infiltration and slowing down of stormwater runoff. Members were satisfied that the reasonable increase in deck size would not have a significant negative impact on the lake.

Ms. Hulton made a MOTION to approve the application for a new permit No. 20-09-04, Ms. Binns SECONDED, all were in favor of the approval. The permit was APPROVED for five years.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA – None

6. NEW BUSINESS – RECEIVE AND DETERMINE SIGNIFICANCE - None

7. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Hodza read from her report dated the day of the meeting, which included site walks since the last meeting and also a review of all of the permits issued this year to date.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Hodza read an email she wrote to some members of the public who had complained that the Special Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020 were posted one day late.

Ms. Hodza read an email from Ms. Celia Ucciardo dated Thursday, September 24, 12:58 p.m. Ms. Hodza mentioned that she had been informed that another email had been written by Ms. Ellen Baron, but stated that she did not find it in her inbox. Ms. Ucciardo's email referred to the approved Plumb project. Chairman Favreau reiterated that the continued concerns of the public about the Plumb project are palpable, adding that the permit had been duly granted by the Commission based upon its thorough review and findings. The matter is closed.

Ms. Hodza alerted the Commission to the availability of online training for all members of municipal Inland Wetlands Commission members. The training is a product of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Service and is available here: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water/Inland-Wetlands/Training-for-Inland-Wetlands-Agencies>

9. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Binns made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; Ms. Hulton SECONDED. The motion CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Richelle Hodza,
Land Use Officer and Recording Secretary
Dated: Saturday, 10/3/2020 2:38 pm

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