

Town of Warren
Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
SPECIAL Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 7:00PM
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road
MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 7B
CALL-IN PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE

Present: **Chair:** John Favreau (In person); **Members:** Nora Hulton (via Conference Call); Nancy Binns (via Conference Call)
 Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Kathy Castagnetta (In person)
 Absent: Darin Willenbrock, Tom Caldwell, Cynthia Shook

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES

- a.** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Favreau. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office. All Regular members were seated for the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.** February 27, 2020 Regular meeting

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, 2nd Ms. Binns to **APPROVE** the **MINUTES** of the **February 27, 2020** Regular meeting; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Alistair Carr, Brick School Road, (Assessor’s Map 27, Lot 2-1) – Request for Declaratory Ruling – Tree Clearing and Removal of Stumps for Agricultural Use**

Mr. Luke Fraley, representing Mr. Carr was present to discuss the application. Kit Lundberg was also present. Mr. Fraley discussed the proposal and stated they would like to clear and stump the entire area, including the wetland area to be able to plant vegetable gardens. Erosion controls will be put up along the stream. Mr. Fraley stated all stumps would be pulled out and hauled away. The trees in the wetlands have shallow roots, that when shaken out most of the soil ends up staying. The trees are surface rooted and the trees in the wetland area are not significant. The wetland area does contain a lot of invasive species which would be removed. Ms. Lundberg stated they would like to plant the wetland area with Nishiki Willows as this is what the property owner desired. Ms. Binns and Ms. Hulton felt strongly that the plantings in the wetland should be native. Possible native plantings were discussed. Ms. Lundberg suggested a native planting by the stream with a non-native planting such as the Nishiki Willow on the higher side. Everyone agreed to that suggestion.

MOTION: Ms. Binns, 2nd Ms. Hulton to **APPROVE** a **Declaratory Ruling** as per **Section 4.1a** for application of **Alistair Carr, Brick School Road, Tree Clearing and Removal of Stumps for Agricultural Use**, finding that it is a permitted use providing a revised planting plan of the wetlands area is implemented that includes native plantings along the streambank in combination with non-native species in the higher ground.

4. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Castagnetta reviewed her staff report with members. A copy of the report is available in the Land Use Office for Review.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Hulton, 2nd Mr. Favreau **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:25 PM; **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Castagnetta
Land Use Enforcement Officer