

Town of Warren
Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2017 – 7:00PM
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

- a. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Chairman Jewell. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office. Alternate Tom Caldwell was seated for Regular Member Nora Hulton.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. No business discussed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. July 27, 2017 regular meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell, to **accept** the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 27, 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.**

There was brief discussion regarding the proposed plan. The wetland extends farther than originally expected. The commission chose to table this for now as they need to wait for TAHD approval.

- b. **Greenview Building & Design Company, Inc. for Mulvehill Family Ltd. Partnership, 135 North Shore Road – Repairs to Boat House Foundation and Shorefront Patio.**

A brief explanation was given of the original proposal so as to remind the commission what the site plan is. The lake will be drawn down lower than it has been before in order to complete the work appropriately. There will also be some cosmetic work such as repairing windows, replacing sagging steps and so on.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell to **approve** the application with the stipulation the work is done when the lake is lowered; **unanimously approved.**

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell to **amend the agenda** and add in two items, first being the After-The-Fact Permit for deposition of sand at 102 N Shore Rd and secondly, the release of ENS bond at 108 N Shore Rd; **unanimously approved.**

c. 102 North Shore Road – Deposition of beach Sand at Shorefront without Required Permit.

Mr. Paul Symanski presents to the commission the need for a permit at 102 N Shore Road. Mr. Symanski explained that the area was not regraded and caused run-off towards the Northwest corner of the beach. There was 6 inches of beach sand added without permission. With consent, the long term plan is to add hay bales to the area and remove the sand, and then remove the hay bales upon completion.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell to **receive** the After-The-Fact application, with the stipulation that the sand be removed and further review of the application is done until the next meeting; **unanimously approved.**

d. Arthur Howland & Associates for Samgold, LLC, 108 North Shore Road – Request for Release of E&S Bond.

Ms. Sefcik briefly presented to the commission that she visited the site with Sean Hayden and everything looks great. Ms. Sefcik received a letter from Mr. Symanski requesting that the E&S bond be released due to site completion.

MOTION: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell to **release the E&S bond** at 108 N Shore Rd; **unanimously approved.**

5. NEW APPLICATIONS (Receive and Determine Significance):

- a. No new business discussed.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.

- a. Ms. Sefcik explained briefly what sites she has been out to lately. 121 N Shore Rd has moved from weekly inspections to every other week. This site will require weekly site walks again when the septic work begins.
- b. In addition, there was some discussion on the site located at 24 Anita Way. The barn was taken down as required. Upon investigation Ms. Sefcik found that the barn debris and materials is still located in the same place and needs to be removed. A follow-up letter will be sent to the property owner to address this issue.
- c. The Lake Waramaug Dam Gate Valve Repair is going to be paused for now due to the higher than anticipated cost for repairs. The permit is valid for 5 years so there is no concern on whether or not it will still be valid.
- d. The City of Waterbury Bureau of Waters Timber harvest will start shortly. Information has been provided online so as to notify residents of temporarily closed areas.

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Ms. Sefcik received a permit application for 379 Lake Rd for the use of herbicides on native plants. It was noted that herbicides would require consistent upkeep, and dredging would be very costly. It was suggested that the property owner contact a landscape architect to avoid disturbing the wetlands. Mr. Favreau also identified that there is no outflow feature, this empties into a stream. There are 7 different herbicides which include 3 treatments each. The owners were unaware that a permit was needed for such work. Ms. Sefcik explained that more information will be provided in the coming weeks.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

- a. Discussion and Possible Acceptance of the “Beach Maintenance and Lakefront Best Management Practices” Guideline Document.

It was discussed amongst the commission that this pertains to existing beaches, and all new beaches would require the commission’s attention. Sand replenishment is not favorable and should be a rare occurrence, with some restrictions as to what type of sand can be used, and to follow certain practices to avoid complications such as run-off issues. In addition, replenishment should be completed during the spring and an average of 4 inches deep should be implemented. There were many suggestions added, some including goose droppings and removal, debris disposal, composting and the need for a permit for dredging. Ms. Sefcik also pointed out that shore stabilization and seasonal controls should still be implemented. One alternative that was discussed was the use of a pebble beach as opposed to a sand beach, which is safer for fish and other wildlife. This is considered a guideline for residents looking to create a beach front, therefore does not require notification with DEP. This list of BMPs will be posted on the town website for residents to review.

Motion: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell to **accept** the “Beach Maintenance and Lakefront Best Management Practices” Guideline Document; **unanimously approved.**

Motion: Mr. Favreau, second Mr. Caldwell to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:46 PM; **unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Dubray
Land Use Secretary