

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

PRESENT: Chairman Keith Jewell, Nancy Binns, Nora Hulton, Cindy Shook; Alternate Tom Caldwell; Stacey Sefcik, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
EXCUSED: John Favreau.
ABSENT: Darin Willenbrock.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.

Chairman Keith Jewell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office. Alternate Tom Caldwell was seated for John Favreau.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. February 22, 2018 regular meeting.

MOTION Ms. Binns, second Ms. Holton, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Jeremy Oskandy, PE, addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Oskandy explained that, at the Commission's request at the last meeting, he had spoken with his client about postponing this work until the lake was drawn down for the dam repair. He said that his client would really prefer to do the work sooner than that, as they feel that time would only worsen the erosion. In reference to the Commission's question regarding the black rubber tubing in a picture observed at the last meeting, Mr. Oskandy explained that it was related to the irrigation system.

For the benefit of those members not present at last month's meeting, Mr. Oskandy briefly reviewed the application, explaining that the applicant wished to shore up approximately 70 feet of lakeshore in two locations on the western side of the point. The bank was becoming undercut, and they wanted to use large stones to stabilize these locations. Filter fabric would be installed beneath the stones. No trees would be removed, and it was not the goal of the project to enlarge the shorefront area. The stones would not be mortared. The stones would be brought to the site and placed with equipment on the lakefront. In order to not disturb the sod planted in this location or disturb the area, mats would be put down for the equipment to travel over. Work would not be done from the lake side of the shorefront, and no equipment would be on the lakebed. A turbidity curtain would also be installed around both locations.

Mr. Caldwell questioned when the work would take place, and Mr. Oskandy stated that they would like to start as soon as possible; he estimated mid- April. Members discussed whether it would be sufficiently dry at this point in the year, and it was recommended to wait until all snow melted and spring rains were done; mid-May was suggested. Ms. Sefcik agreed and stated that the permit would require the applicant to notify her prior to beginning any work; if the time period proposed did not seem suitable, she could advise the applicant accordingly.

MOTION Ms. Binns, second Ms. Holton, to approve the application in the matter of **AH Howland & Associates for Samgold, LLC, 108 North Shore Road – Shoreline Stabilization** with the conditions that the work is to be done during a dryer period of the year and that the IWEO should be notified prior to the commencement of any work; unanimously approved.

5. **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

No business was discussed.

6. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Sefcik briefly reviewed her enforcement activities for the past month. She notified the Commission that she had issued one agent determination for 55 Rabbit Hill Road.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Commission reviewed the January/February 2018 edition of *Connecticut Wildlife*. They also reviewed a copy of a General Permit issued to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for Drainage System Maintenance, and two applications for herbicide applications in ponds located at 379 Lake Road and 137 Brick School Road. Ms. Sefcik explained that they had received an earlier application for 379 Lake Road which proposed elimination of native plants; she said she would look into this further with Sean Hayden.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

A. **Discussion Regarding FY2018-2019 Budget Proposal.**

Members of the Commission reviewed Ms. Sefcik's proposal for the Inland Wetlands Commission budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed budget was for a total of \$2865, down nearly \$1000 from the previous year. Mr. Jewell questioned whether this was adequate, particularly the legal fees portion of the budget. Ms. Sefcik noted that the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 years had higher attorney's fees due to a succession of contentious applications related to one specific property. Now that that matter appeared to be resolved, she felt the proposal was adequate.

MOTION Ms. Hulton, second Mr. Caldwell, to recommend the Proposed 2018-2019 Budget to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance as per Ms. Sefcik's recommendations; unanimously approved.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION Ms. Hulton, second Mr. Jewell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Sefcik
Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer