

TOWN OF WARREN  
INLAND WETLANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, August 25, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT** were Vice Chair Cindy Shook, Member Nancy Binns and Alternate Thomas Caldwell. Absent were Members Dawn Blocker and Nora Hulton, Chairman Keith Jewell, and Alternates John Favreau and Darin Willenbrock. Also present were Stacey Sefčík, Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Richelle Hodža, Recording Secretary.

**CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES.** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Shook at 7:18 p.m. Tom Caldwell was seated for Nora Hulton.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** No public hearings scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A **MOTION** was made by Nancy Binns to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 regular meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Tom Caldwell and **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS.** No business to be discussed.

**NEW APPLICATIONS (Receive and Determine Significance)**

- A. **Dirk Sabin for Ben Appen, 60 Brick School Road – Creation of ¼-acre Pond in the Regulated Area.** Neither Mr. Sabin nor Mr. Appen was present; however, Ms. Sefčík was in receipt of the application and payment of the fee. Ms. Sefčík related the application to the Commission and stated that should the commission desire, it could accept the application; however, she also demonstrated that certain information remained vague. Vice Chairperson Shook stated that she was a near neighbor, owner of property across the road at 37 and 39 Brick School Road. Because no decisions on the application could be rendered tonight, it was determined that it was unnecessary to recuse herself at this time. Ms. Binns made a **MOTION** to accept the application for the Commission's consideration with the condition that more information be provided, including a detail of how the overflow structure shown would function, the nature and character of erosion and sedimentation controls, the flagging of the proposed pond, and any other information Ms. Sefčík deemed pertinent. Mr. Caldwell **SECONDED**, the motion **CARRIED** unanimously.
- B. **Arthur Howland & Associates for The Cove, LLC – North Shore Road (Assessor's Map 45 Lot 12-1) – Drainage improvements Associated with Construction of Single Family Dwelling and Improvements to Existing Pier and Stairway at Shoreline.** Mr. Paul Szymanski, PE, president of Arthur Howland & Associates, was present on behalf of the LLC. He displayed site plans and discussed the proposed project and stated that Soil Scientist Sean Hayden of the Northwest Conservation District, contracted by the Lake Waramaug Task Force, was to walk and evaluate the property with Howland & Associates next week.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Binns to receive the application for consideration. The motion was **SECONDED** by Mr. Caldwell and **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

- C. **Arthur Howland & Associates for The Cove, LLC – North Shore Road (Assessor's Map 45 Lot 12) – Improvements to Existing Pier and Stairway at Shoreline.** Mr. Szymanski presented a related application to the Commission on behalf of his client The Cove, LLC. He stated that the clients wished to redo the stairway and install a stone patio on the existing pier. A desire was expressed by the Commission to have a site walk before the next meeting. Mr. Szymanski welcomed the Commission at a time convenient to its

members. The date was tentatively set at **Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** Ms. Binns made a **MOTION** to accept the application for the Commission's review, Mr. Caldwell **SECONDED**, the motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

- D. Arthur Howland & Associates for Catherine Deckelbaum, 33 Arrow Point Road – Drainage Improvements Associated with Reconstruction of Single Family Dwelling. Mr. Szymanski explained the application. The Commission was already familiar with the property from a site walk regarding matters relating to the previous owner. Mr. Caldwell made a **MOTION** to receive the application; Ms. Binns **SECONDED**; the motion **CARRIED**.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

- A. **Modification of Permit #15-07-01W issued to John Durschinger, 381 Brick School Road.** Meghan Kochman was present on behalf of the property owner and explained the changes being sought. The revised plans were both “scaled back” and farther away from the wetlands. Ms. Binns made a **MOTION** to approve the modification according to the revised plans presented at the meeting; Mr. Caldwell **SECONDED**, and the motion **CARRIED**.
- B. **Modification of Permit #16-05-01W issued to David and Kelly Williams, 149 North Shore Road.** Mr. Ken Hrica, PE, LS, was present on behalf of the permit-holders. He stated that Mr. Clint Webb had done the original presentation on the application, which was approved. He had been the engineer on the project from its inception. He explained that once work had begun, however, groundwater was discovered seeping out of the cut made for the driveway and therefore an underground drainage pipe would be required. Mr. Caldwell asked how they planned to stabilize the bank. Mr. Hrica said they were using biodegradable Western Excelsior blankets, seeding, and mulch. The perforated pipe would be 4” in diameter and tie into the existing drain pipe in the existing swale. Broken stone would be included and details were provided on the plans. Conservation mix would be planted back in the swale once the work was done. Mr. Caldwell asked if the driveway was cambered. Mr. Hrica said that it slopes away from the drain, rather than toward it. Mr. Caldwell wanted to know the grade of the driveway. Mr. Hrica said it was less than the maximum allowable. Mr. Caldwell asked what the grade of the proposed pipe was. Mr. Hrica said it was 1%. Mr. Caldwell seemed satisfied and **MOVED** to accept the modification as proposed. Ms. Binns **SECONDED**; the motion **CARRIED**.
- C. **Discussion of and Possible Action on Beach Maintenance Best Management Practices Document.** Tabled until next meeting.

**INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Ms. Sefčik distributed copies of Summer 2016 edition of CACIWC's newsletter, *The Habitat*.

The meeting was duly adjourned until **September 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** by **UNANIMOUS VOTE** after **MOTION** and **SECOND** by Ms. Binns and Mr. Caldwell, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,



Richelle Hodža  
Recording Secretary