

# TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, November 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED**

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Ken Johnson, Marge Smith, Anthony Palumbo, Paul Yagid

Staff Present: Tai Kern, Land Use Administrator  
Donna Hayes, Assistant Land Use Administrator

### **3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**3.A.** Regular Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2022.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 24, 2022, as presented. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.A.** Application # 1298-22, Arbor Services for Phillip Korsant, 145 Carter Rd, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 34, removal of approximately 80 trees within regulated area.

Ms. Werner asked if there was a site plan showing all the water courses. Ms. Kern explained that she visited the site and said that the entire property is within a regulated area of either the pond or the stream. Ms. Werner asked if the applicant will be working within the wetland and Ms. Kern said that they were. When asked if the trees had been marked, the response was that they were by a previous tree company and the trees seemed to have been planted in a line by the previous owner.

Mr. Brian Burke was present and informed the Commission that in addition to the proposed work, there will be a lot line revision where he will be purchasing the existing house and the remaining acreage will be donated to the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy. Ms. Werner asked how many trees were dead and Mr. Burke replied that all the spruce trees were dead. Mr. Pollock, tree arborist for the project, referred the Commission to Scott who explained that the entire property was in the regulated area. Ms.

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Werner asked if the stream running through the property was Kent Falls Brook. The Commission was informed that this stream fed into the Kent Falls Brook. The Commission was advised that the ashes were dead as are most of the spruce. There will be no soil disturbance as the stumps will remain. They will be using hay waddles in the area near the stream so there is no disturbance at all. They will use some machinery, but the heavy machinery would be kept on the driveway and smaller machinery will be used to move the cut trees to the machines on the driveway. The trees would be hand felled.

When asked by Ms. Werner what the dark red lines indicated, she was informed that they indicated the actual line of trees to be removed. Ms. Smith said that by looking at Google Earth, you can see that the trees to be removed are all in a line which is indicated by the red lines. Ms. Werner said that she would be looking for distances to the brook and the pond.

Mr. Pollock said that they will be leaving natives and with regard to the invasives along the brook, some will be removed.

Mr. Johnson said that he drove past the property and felt that the number of trees to be removed will probably not impact the wooded look. He would like to see the distances to the regulated area on the site map.

Ms. Werner said that she would like to see another site plan that is more specific with regard to the distances to the stream for the file.

*Ms. Smith moved to table Application # 1298-22, Arbor Services for Phillip Korsant, 145 Carter Rd, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 34, removal of approximately 80 trees within regulated area to the next regular meeting with improved demarcation on the site plan. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. B.** Application # 1299-22, Ashley & Ryan Williams, 6 Camps Rd., Map 17 Block 30 Lot 1, pond dredging and replacement of outlet pipe.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Jason Dubray, contractor, were present to address the Commission. Ms. Kern reported that the treatment of this pond had been before the Commission previously.

Mr. Williams informed the Commission that the pond level was very low and there were invasives present that he had filed an application to treat. The treatment was never done since there is a very large crack in the drainage pipe. Fixing the drainage pipe would bring the pond back to its original dimensions at which point in time they would possibly treat.

Mr. Dubray agreed that the existing pipe is rotted and the plan would be to scrape the bottom of the pond a little bit, replace the pipe, and then remove the organics from the site. There is no stream feeding the pond and Mr. Dubray believes that the water in the pond comes from heavy rain and runoff from the driveway and possibly ground water. Ms. Werner asked where the organics would go and Mr. Dubray said that he has a couple of companies that will take it. The organics would be stored on site for a week or two on the west side near the driveway. Mr. Dubray said that he would put silt fencing around the stockpile. Ms. Werner asked Ms. Kern to work with Mr. Dubray on locating the stockpile on the site plan.

*Ms. Smith moved to table Application # 1299-22, Ashley & Ryan Williams, 6 Camps Rd., Map 17 Block 30 Lot 1, pond dredging and replacement of outlet pipe to the next regular meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

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**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- 5.A.** Application #1297-22, Brad Lerman for KMKW Land, LLC, 70 Kenmont Rd, Map 15, Block 22, Lot 106, replacing existing ropes course within regulated area.

With no changes to the original application and no further questions from the Commission, the following motion was made.

*Mr. Yagid moved to approve Application #1297-22, Brad Lerman for KMKW Land, LLC, 70 Kenmont Rd, Map 15, Block 22, Lot 106, replacing existing ropes course within regulated area. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

**A. WRITTEN**

- 6.A.** Approval of 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule

*Mr. Yagid moved to approve the 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**B. VERBAL**

- 6.B.** Election of Officers

*Mr. Johnson moved to move forward the existing slate of officers for the next year. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Kern advised the Commission regarding a proposal in Dover, New York adjoining the Ten Mile River. The concerns brought to her attention include a change to the view shed from the Appalachian Trail and the impact to the Ten Mile River. Ms. Werner said that she will need to recuse herself from this discussion should it move before the Commission, since this issue is currently being looked at through HVA. The group discussed the proposal and the agencies involved in overseeing the impact. There was no indication that the Commission would like to become involved with this proposal at this time.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna M. Hayes*

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