

TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting via zoom on Monday, July 24, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Ken Deitz (7:07 p.m.), Ken Johnson, Anthony Palumbo, Marge Smith, Paul Yagid (7:04 p.m.)

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

Ms. Smith moved to elevate Mr. Palumbo to voting status. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes June 26, 2023.

Ms. Smith asked that the word “root-based” located in the 4th paragraph of page 3, end of first sentence, be changed to “root space”.

Ms. Werner asked that the word “received” located in the 1st paragraph of agenda item 5.B. on page 4, second line, be changed to “responded”.

Ms. Smith asked that the word “asked” be added to the first line of the second paragraph on page 6 between “Mr. Yagid” and “how”.

Ms. Smith moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2023, as amended. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Regular Members Deitz and Yagid were seated at 7:07 pm and Alternate Palumbo stepped down from voting status.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- 4.A.** Application #1323-23, Stefan Peters, 99 Macedonia Rd, Map 2, Block 5, Lot 13, buried propane tank, buried power line from pole and deck.

Mr. Yagid said that he did not visit the site, but drives past it often and doesn't feel that there would be any other area to place the tank. Ms. Smith agreed with Mr. Yagid.

Ms. Kern said that the property owner had stopped by with a new plan that shows the location of the deck and patio and amended the application accordingly. Ms. Kern reminded the Commission that they had talked about the patio and deck at the last meeting and seemed to have no issues with their location. There were no additional questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve Application #1323-23, Stefan Peters, 99 Macedonia Rd, Map 2, Block 5, Lot 13, buried propane tank, buried power line from pole and deck. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.B.** Application #1324-23, Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, Cobble Rd, Map 9, Block 22, Lot 93, two pedestrian and mower stream crossings.

There was no additional information from the application or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Smith moved to approve Application #1324-23, Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, Cobble Rd, Map 9, Block 22, Lot 93, two pedestrian and mower stream crossings. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.C.** Application #1325-23, Robert & Jane Harrison, 69 Treasure Hill Rd, Map 17, Block 25, Lot 6, removal of underbrush and tree cutting.

Ms. Werner reminded the Commission that there were questions regarding what would be removed, how much would be removed and whether or not there were easements in the location of the project. Ms. Kerry Lizana said that there are easements, but not in the proposed area of the work.

With regard to the scope of the work, Ms. Lizana explained that the plan is to replant an area ~1,000 sq. ft with herbaceous plants, shrubs and smaller trees. There is a list of suggested plants in the information submitted but Ms. Lizana informed the Commission that the plan is to put in 3 saplings, 4 shrubs and 10 herbaceous plants. Ms. Werner asked that they include the planting plan with the application. Ms. Lizana said that some of the plantings might be varied once they get into the actual planting portion of the project. Ms. Smith said that she liked the list of the submitted plantings and understood the need for possible changes as they get into the project. Mr. Yagid felt that their questions from the last meeting had been answered.

Ms. Werner asked Ms. Kern if she had enough information. Ms. Kern said that the application did come in a little late, but since the last meeting additional information had been submitted making this a complete application.

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Mr. Yagid asked that updates be submitted to Ms. Kern as the project progresses.

Mr. Johnson asked how many of the trees would be removed. Mr. Russell Plumb was present and informed the Commission that they will be removing the ash trees; one or two black cherries; and one or two of the willows. The removal of the trees will be accomplished from the house side of the pond, but if they need to move to the other side of the pond, wood planks will be added so that the area would not be compacted. Ms. Werner asked that this information be submitted to Ms. Kern. Mr. Johnson asked how many trees will be removed. Mr. Plumb said that 30 or 40 trees would remain and around 8 dead/diseased/dying trees would be removed.

Mr. Yagid moved to approve Application #1325-23, Robert & Jane Harrison, 69 Treasure Hill Rd, Map 17, Block 25, Lot 6, removal of underbrush and tree cutting. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS -

There was no new business.

6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

Nothing submitted.

B. VERBAL

Ms. Kern informed the Commission that Mr. Galusha had been appointed as an alternate by the Board of Selectmen at their last meeting. He has still not been sworn in but will contact Ms. Darlene Brady, Town Clerk, to schedule a time to meet with her.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

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