

TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Ken Deitz, Ken Johnson, Anthony Palumbo,
Paul Yagid
Guest Present: Hillary Clifton
Staff Present: Donna Hayes, LUA

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Special Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021.

Mr. Deitz moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2021, as presented. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Application #1271-21, Jonathan Chesler, Four Springs Landscape & Garden, LLC, for Vincente Caride and Melissa Marks, 310 Kent Hollow Road, Map 17 Block 32 Lot 9, installation of water leveling device through existing beaver dam.

Mr. Chesler was present to address the Commission. He showed the Commission photographs of the existing condition of the pond in the rear of the property which has been made larger and deeper by beavers. The proposal is to install a "beaver deceiver" that consists of a 15" double walled perforated pipe approximately 2' down from the top of the dam. The pipes will extend approximately 20' in two sections. The plan would be to enter the pond with the system on a pontoon float, break apart the area for the installation, install the system and rebuild that portion of the dam that has been taken apart for the installation. Cinder blocks will be attached to the piping to keep the pipes submerged and in place and a cage will be construction of 6" rebar. The system has very few pieces and is self-contained. Mr. Chesler showed the Commission a drawing of the system being used which was recommended by the DEEP. He will forward that information to Ms. Hayes for inclusion in the file.

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Mr. Yagid asked what the final depth of the pond will be. Mr. Chesler said that the plan was to drop the pond from the existing 6' to 4' so that the beaver would be able to survive during the winter. During his inspection, Mr. Chesler noted that at the present time there is no beaver lodge, but expects one to show up soon. The dam itself has been created over the past several months.

Ms. Werner asked if he could add the location of the system to the map that was submitted. Ms. Hayes asked Mr. Chesler if he could forward her the pictures used in his presentation.

Mr. Yagid asked if there was annual maintenance. Mr. Chesler replied that they are currently conducting regular maintenance on the property and checking on the system would become part of their maintenance routine.

Ms. Werner asked when they were considering doing the work and Mr. Chesler replied that he didn't want to wait too long because the water would be too cold. If they couldn't get it done before the ice, he was looking at either March or April of next year.

Mr. Deitz asked if any downstream structures could be flooded by performing the work. Mr. Chesler replied that there was none. Mr. Deitz asked that the Commission keep this in mind the next time an application for this type of work is presented.

Mr. Yagid moved to continue Application #1271-21, Jonathan Chesler, Four Springs Landscape & Garden, LLC, for Vincente Caride and Melissa Marks, 310 Kent Hollow Road, Map 17 Block 32 Lot 9, installation of water leveling device through existing beaver dam to the next meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.A.** Application #1268-21, Town of Kent, Bulls Bridge Road (between Old Stone Road and South Kent Road within municipally owned right of way), pavement rehabilitation and full depth reconstruction of roadway.

Having no further questions, the following motion was made:

Mr. Deitz moved to approve Application #1268-21, Town of Kent, Bulls Bridge Road (between Old Stone Road and South Kent Road within municipally owned right of way), pavement rehabilitation and full depth reconstruction of roadway. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

- 6.A.1.** Notice to Municipality of Intent to Conduct Regulated Activities Authorized by a Dam Safety General Permit, Richard Novick for Lynn & Dorothy Novick, 355 Skiff Mountain Road, Map 8 Block 8 Lot 7.

Ms. Hayes explained that the original Notice was signed by Mr. Novick in 2020 and that she received the actual Notice shortly thereafter. In May of this year, a Request for Determination of Need for Fishway for Dam Safety Permit was received in the Land Use Office. Ms. Hayes continued that she has no idea if

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the work was ever done. Ms. Werner said that she did not think the Commission had any say in the work to be done but asked that Ms. Hayes contact the DEEP to see if the work had ever been done.

6.A.2. Letter of Interest from Hillary Clifton on open alternate position.

Ms. Clifton was present to express her interest in being an alternate on the Commission. There was a brief discussion regarding her background and explanation of the role of the Commission. It was decided that Ms. Hayes prepare a memo to the BOS asking that they appoint Ms. Clifton to the Commission as an alternate.

B. VERBAL

No action taken.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

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Land Use Administrator