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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, via zoom beginning at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

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

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

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

3. BUSINESS

- 3.A.** Application #1335-23, Steven Abbate, 99B Cobble Rd., Map 10, Block 22, Lot 2, new driveway bridge crossing.

Ms. Kern explained that at the last meeting they had discussed sending the revised plans to Ms. Denise Lord, Engineer with Barton & Laguidice for her review. On February 19, 2024, Mike Gawel came in with an updated set of plans based on that discussion and the revised plans were sent to Ms. Lord. On March 11, 2024, Ms. Lord's comments were received and this past Friday, Mr. Abbate responded to Ms. Lord's comments. Ms. Kern commented that it seems that there is enough information to consider this a complete application; however, Ms. Lord's letter did ask for information on the limit of disturbance. Ms. Werner said that the Commission typically asks for the inclusion of wetland setbacks as well as the limit of disturbance on all site plans. She asked that this be added so that it could be considered a complete application. Ms. Werner continued that the DEEP request for a clarification of the ordinary high-water mark was not under the control of the Inland Wetlands Commission and stressed that the Commission is not the watch dog for other entities, but suggested that the applicants make sure that this information is provided to the DEEP as all of the approvals through this Commission are sent to the DEEP.

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Mr. Gawel said that the silt fence plan indicators on the site plan also represent the area of disturbance. Ms. Werner asked that the regulated area also be identified. Mr. Gawel said that his colored plan shows that they are working only in the regulated area. The red dots show the location of sandbags that will be placed in the stream when they are ready to remove the pipe. Ms. Werner asked if the rip rap is large enough to let vegetation grow. Mr. Gawel said that the rip rap is being placed under the bridge and would not have sunlight. Ms. Werner said that plants will grow there. Ms. Werner asked how long this process will take and Mr. Gawel said that it should take about 4 weeks. She also commented that the limit of disturbance had been identified during this conversation. Ms. Werner asked if the boulders will be going in below the high-water mark. Mr. Gawel said that there is a line that shows the ordinary high-water mark and the boulders will be placed partially below that line.

Ms. Maria Grace, NWLC, said that she had no questions but she did send an email to Mr. Abbate and forwarded it to Ms. Kern this evening. She stated that she had not had an opportunity to review the new information but her email does state that they will not approve any work outside of the 50' ROW area. Mr. Abbate said that he will have Mr. Hock, Land Surveyor, come and flag the 50' ROW so that it is clear where the work will be. Ms. Maria Grace asked for a sequence of events for the work. Ms. Werner stated that Mr. Gawel should clarify on the application that the area will be stabilized at the end of each day. Mr. Gawel said that everything will be protected every night before he leaves. The main concern for all parties involved is that nothing flows into the stream when work is not being done.

Ms. Smith moved to approve Application #1335-23, Steven Abbate, 99B Cobble Rd., Map 10, Block 22, Lot 2, new driveway bridge crossing with the conditions as discussed to be added to the permit and signed off by Mr. Gawel. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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