

# TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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By Darlene Brady at 2:04 pm, Jul 28, 2020

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on July 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. via Zoom.

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

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

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator and Tai Kern, Land Use Clerk

### 3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### 3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2020.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the Regular Minutes of the June 22, 2020. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### 4.A. Application #1222-20, John Casey and Bart Clark for Kent Green, LLC, Map 19 Block 42 Lot 8, removal of existing drainage pipes and installation of new pipes.

*Mrs. Smith moved to table to end of New Business application #1222-20, John Casey and Bart Clark for Kent Green, LLC, Map 19 Block 42 Lot 8, removal of existing drainage pipes and installation of new pipes. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

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Kent Inland Wetlands Regular Meeting Minutes 07/27/2020

These are draft minutes. Corrections may be made by the Commission at the subsequent meeting. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.

- 4.B.** Application #1223-20, Kinney Woodworking, LLC for Stuart Wurtzel and Patrizia von Brandenstein, 115 Kent Cornwall Road, Map 9 Block 15 Lot 30, replace portion of open deck with a single-story sunroom; rebuild deck after sunroom is built.

Jack Kinney explained that the owners would like to change the existing open-air deck to a sunroom. The goal is to use the existing footings if possible. The footprint will be extended by another 2'x2'; however, the structure will not be any closer to the brook. The large tree will be removed via crane and its stump will remain. The area of disturbance does not include landscape. He does not believe the owners intend on doing any landscaping. Silt fencing will be installed by hand. The work is scheduled to be done in September. Historic Commission approval has been granted.

*Mr. Yagid moved to table application #1223-20, Kinney Woodworking, LLC for Stuart Wurtzel and Patrizia von Brandenstein, 115 Kent Cornwall Road, Map 9 Block 15 Lot 30, replace portion of open deck with a single-story sunroom; rebuild deck after sunroom is built. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.C.** Application #1224-20, Wes Wyrick for Chris Munro, 15 Gorham Road, Map 15 Block 22 Lot 30, construction of garage with connector to main house.

Wes Wyrick explained that his client is proposing a connected garage. The proposal will be 65 feet from the wetland area. It is upland soils with a lot of ledge. The area is a combination of woods and grass. A couple of trees in the building area will be removed, but no trees will be removed within the limit of disturbance.

Paul Yagid reported that the site is pretty dry and the house site sits high. Ken Deitz noted that there is plenty of vegetative cover between the proposal and the wetlands. Donna Hayes confirmed that she will view the site before the next meeting.

*Mr. Yagid moved to table application #1224-20, Wes Wyrick for Chris Munro, 15 Gorham Road, Map 15 Block 22 Lot 30, construction of garage with connector to main house. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

*Mrs. Smith moved to hear item 5.A. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- 5.A.** Application #1220-20, Virginia Bush Suttman, 8 Bluff Road, Map 19 Block 15 Lot 38, removal of three ash trees infected with Emerald Ash Borer.

Donna Hayes referenced a letter dated July 18, 2020 in response to the Commission's questions. The Commission was satisfied with the response.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve application #1220-20, Virginia Bush Suttman, 8 Bluff Road, Map 19 Block 15 Lot 38, removal of three ash trees infected with Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.A.** Application #1222-20, John Casey and Bart Clark for Kent Green, LLC, Map 19 Block 42 Lot 8, removal of existing drainage pipes and installation of new pipes.

Mr. Casey referenced the detailed drawings submitted, but noted that this is a fairly simple project. They have consulted with Cynthia Rabinowitz and are following her recommendations. The Commission asked that her recommendations along with the boulder placement and planting plan be submitted as part of the application. Mr. Casey reviewed the pathway of the drainage and explained that he will be restoring it to a more natural stream flow than what it has evolved to become. Most of it will be exposed and a gentle slope. There is a replanting plan to be implemented after the sediment is cleaned out. This will include grass or native plantings. He will spread sediment about 250 feet from the watercourse.

The group agreed that this will be an asset to the area. It will both look and function better. The members asked for clarification regarding the size of the culverts to be replaced and assurance that they can handle the flow.

*Ms. Smith moved to table Application #1222-20, John Casey and Bart Clark for Kent Green, LLC, Map 19 Block 42 Lot 8, removal of existing drainage pipes and installation of new pipes with the request that a planting plan, a letter with Ms. Rabinowitz's recommendations and culvert sizing be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

### **A. WRITTEN –**

**6.A.1.** Monthly Financials – July 2019 through June 2020- reviewed

**6.A.2.** Connecticut DEEP Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters: South Spectacle Pond

The members noted that the directional description does not match the map. Additionally, the previous violations were found to be alarming by the members. They have concerns regarding the reporting of common reed. Donna Hayes agreed to send a letter noting the concerns of the Commission.

### **B. VERBAL: N/A**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted.

*Tai Kern*

Tai Kern,  
Land Use Clerk