

# TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on August 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Eric Cieplik, Paul Yagid, Fred Hosterman, Marge Smith, Ken Dietz (7:20)

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

*Mr. Yagid moved to add to the agenda item 7.A.2. Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters: North Spectacle Lake. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

### 3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### 3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2018.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2018. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

### 4. APPLICATIONS

#### 4.A. Application #1180-18, South Kent School, 0 Bulls Bridge Road, installation of scoreboard and concrete slab for covered benches, Map 6 Block 38 Lot 2.

Rich Chavka came forward and reviewed a proposal for a scoreboard and covered benches along the east sideline as indicated in the drawings. The entire field is within the wetlands delineation. The exact placement of the scoreboards will be one of two options. At the next meeting of the IWC, the exact location of the scoreboard will have been determined. There will be no wetlands disturbance. The concrete slab to be used will be 4 to 6 inches. Mr. Yagid asked that a cross section for the slab be submitted for the record. An electrical service will be added along the south edge as part of this application.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to continue application #1180-18, South Kent School, 0 Bulls Bridge Road, installation of scoreboard and concrete slab for covered benches, Map 6 Block 38 Lot 2. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

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- 4.B. Application #1181-18, Brian Neff for James Lilly and Lily Thom, 29 Brown Road, installation of underground utilities and resurfacing of driveway with gravel, Map 11 Block 40 Lot 24.

Brian Neff came forward noting that the proposed driveway will follow an existing path; however, this existing path does cross some substantial wetlands. There is no alternative that would reduce the disturbance to the wetlands. Utilities will be run underground. There is no tree cutting proposed within the regulated area. He reviewed the erosion control plan and sequence of construction with the Commission. The existing culvert will continue to be utilized, as it is in good condition. Donna Hayes agreed to view the site prior to the next meeting.

*Mr. Yagid moved to continue application #1181-18, Brian Neff for James Lilly and Lily Thom, 29 Brown Road, installation of underground utilities and resurfacing of driveway with gravel, Map 11 Block 40 Lot 24. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.C. Application #1182-18, Park and Recreation for Town of Kent, 42 Segar Mountain Road deposition of processed stone and wood chips around feeder pond and stream, Map 10 Block 40 Lot 9.

Lesly Ferris came forward with a survey map of Emery Park and reviewed a request to add processed stone and wood chips around the feeder pond and stream. The invasives have been removed from around the pond and the placement of the wood chips expect to keep them from re-growing.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to continue application #1182-18, Park and Recreation for Town of Kent, 42 Segar Mountain Road deposition of processed stone and wood chips around feeder pond and stream, Map 10 Block 40 Lot 9. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.A. Application #1179-18F, Jamie Lintner, Forest Works, LLC, for John E. Casey, Trustee, forestry operation, North Main Street, Map 10 Block 42 Lots 4 & 5; Map 19 Block 42 Lots 8 & 43; and Map 4 Block 42 Lot 1.

Jamie Lintner came forward and Donna Hayes reported on her site walk. She explained that due to the area's saturation it was difficult to access; however, pictures of the proposed crossings were taken for the record by Mr. Lintner. All wood will be carried off the site and temporary bridges will be used to cross the wetlands. Once the project is completed, the bridges will be removed and area will be hayed and seeded.

Ken Dietz arrived at 7:20 p.m.

It was noted that the start date might be sooner than what was originally expected, but the Land Use Office will be advised of the start date once it is determined.

*Mr. Hosterman moved to approve application #1179-18F, Jamie Lintner, Forest Works, LLC, for John E. Casey, Trustee, forestry operation, North Main Street, Map 10 Block 42 Lots 4 & 5; Map 19 Block 42 Lots 8 & 43; and Map 4 Block 42 Lot 1. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

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- 5.B.** Application #1176-18F, Adam Osborne for High Watch Recovery Center, LLC, 47 Carter Road, after the fact forestry operation, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17.

Fred Hosterman recused himself at 7:23 p.m.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to seat Ken Dietz as a voting member. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Attorney Joe Williams came forward and apologized for not having a representative present at the last meeting. Vincent Roberti came forward with survey plan of the area that was cleared. The total cleared area was determined to be 6.4 acres. He reviewed the map of the areas cleared for three paddocks and reported that the area is now fully re-established. He reviewed placement of the three-rail fence around the property, the paddock around the barn, the garden, the chicken coop and the ropes courses. High Watch would like to repair the stone walls that are in disrepair in their existing locations using the existing stones. He confirmed that a few trees had been removed along the driveway due to the Fire Department's concerns.

It was noted that the clearing of 6.4 acres creates an environmental impact. Ms. Smith explained that an environmental scientist can be hired to determine the overall environmental impact due to this activity. Mr. Roberti reported that there has not been any washout due to the clearing.

Adam Osborne reported that most of the job was completed in January and a small portion in the front was finished in May. Mr. Cieplik noted that the Commission is disappointed that this activity was done prior to coming before the Commission. Attorney Williams explained that High Watch was not aware of Kent's Regulations with regard to this matter.

Adam Osborne questioned whether a site visit by the Commission would be in order. The Commission noted that there was not an opportunity of seeing what was done prior to the clearing; therefore, there is no baseline. However, the group agreed to view the site as part of their due diligence to consider the neighboring woods as a comparison prior to a decision being determined.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to continue application #1176-18F, Adam Osborne for High Watch Recovery Center, LLC, 47 Carter Road, after the fact forestry operation, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS - N/A**

**7. COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION**

**A. WRITTEN**

- 7.A.1.** Email from Craig Bibb regarding applications to the Town of Washington for hardscaping on Lake Waramaug.

Donna Hayes reported that she spoke with Janet Hill of the Town of Washington who advised that they will be issuing violations for any seawalls along the lake. It is anticipated that substantial changes are going to be made to the existing applications to eliminate any seawalls. Washington has noted Kent's concerns regarding perpendicular walls. Donna Hayes will follow-up with Craig Bibb regarding this matter.

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7.A.2. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters: North Spectacle Lake

The group reviewed this application noting that this work was scheduled to be done on August 20, 2018.

B. VERBAL - N/A

8. ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Dietz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted.

Tai Kern

Tai Kern,  
Land Use Clerk

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