

TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Eric Cieplik, Fred Hosterman, Marge Smith, Paul Yagid,

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 3.A. Violation #02-17, Michael & Melissa Hrabcsak, 29 Mountain Rd., excavation in wetlands area without permit. Map 12 Block 40 Lot 14

Mr. Hrabcsak confirmed that he received the Notice of Violation dated 8/31/17 from Donna Hayes. Chair Werner read the NoV for the record. Mr. Hrabcsak explained that the plan was for an addition of two pipes where it was wet to direct water through an existing hole in the wall. He did not realize this was a regulated wetland area. The group viewed photos of the site and Donna Hayes described the site. Hay bales and silt fencing have been placed for erosion control. It appears that the water is coming from the driveway runoff. Mr. Hrabcsak explained that his purpose of this activity was to dry the area out. Everytime it rains the road sediment covers the hole and the water backs up. This was an attempt to keep the hole from clogging and water backing up.

Jody and Charlie Kollar of 22 Sumner Rd. came forward and showed photos of the site. She noted that the hole in the rock wall is now creating a stream. Ms. Kollar advised that the area has not been entirely filled back in. Donna Hayes explained that there was an existing depression for road runoff.

Chair Werner recommended that a plan be drafted to handle the runoff in a way that allows sediment to fall out before it reaches the stream and not create a point of erosion in any particular place. Gravel and seeding to prevent erosion or a dry creek bed was suggested to slow down the water. Mr. Hrabcsak explained that he has no problem addressing the issue on his property.

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Chair Werner suggested that a plan be drafted and submitted to the Land Use Office. The Commission noted that there may be regular maintenance required and questioned whether an engineer should be contacted to draft a long term plan.

Donna Hayes reported that the area has been hayed and seeded. The Commission recommended rip rap and gravel to stabilize the bank as a short term solution. Additionally an erosion control fabric may be useful. It was additionally advised that the area be restored to its natural contour. Mr. Hrabcsak explained that the contours are original with the exception of the berm.

Mr. Kollar reiterated that there is newly dug soil. Mrs. Kollar questioned whether the native plants would be returned to the area. Ms. Werner advised that the area will naturally restore.

Paul Yagid and Fred Hosterman agreed to view the site individually tomorrow with Donna Hayes. It was determined that the NoV would be kept open until an interim solution and a long term solution has been determined.

Mr. Hosterman moved to table violation #02-17, Michael & Melissa Hrabcsak, 29 Mountain Rd., excavation in wetlands area without permit. Map 12 Block 40 Lot 14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yagid and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Tai Kern

Tai Kern,
Land Use Clerk

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