

**TOWN OF KENT
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SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting on Monday, **September 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** at 47 Carter Road.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The site walk was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Eric Cieplik, Paul Yagid

Staff Present: Donna M. Hayes, LUA

Guests Present: Vincent Roberti, Facilities Director, High Watch
Adam Osborne, Forester
Derek Tranzillo, Vice President of Finance, High Watch
Kate Losey, Conservation Easement Manager, Weantinoge Land Trust

3. OLD BUSINESS:

3.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION

- 3.A.1.** 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.

Those present walked the area that was cleared and noted areas of concern. There were indications of runoff and erosion in the cart path between the existing paddock and the newly created paddock; multiple areas of puddling in the newly created paddocks; and one large area of puddling adjacent to Carter Road. As the walk continued, erosion and runoff was noted in a channel on the northerly side of the existing paddock and adjacent to the driveway to the existing barn. The channel had been created as a result of berming on the cart path. The berming was created to prevent a wash out to the driveway in front of the existing barn. The runoff followed the channel to the westerly side of the driveway to a small rock cropping and eventually to a pipe under the driveway. It was noted that there was a large area of silting before the water reached the small rock cropping. Areas of erosion were noted along side of the southerly

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side of the driveway to the barn. The water exiting the pipe on the westerly side of the driveway to the barn, seemed to be running clear.

During the walk Mr. Osborne stated that he did not come to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a permit because he believed that the property was a "farm". The Commission members present expressed concerns about the fact that no presentation was made to the Commission regarding the work.

It was also noted that an additional 50' of clearing would need to be done on the empty lot east of 47 Carter Road in order to accommodate the installation of additional septic systems for the work being done at 62 Carter Road. Ms. Werner asked that the contractor hired to do the work present their plans to the Inland Wetlands Commission before the work is done.

Ms. Werner asked if the cleared land was large enough to support the horses that were currently on property. Mr. Roberti said that he was sure there was enough and they did not plan on adding any additional horses to the property.

It was decided at the end of the meeting that work would need to be done to cart path to correct the erosion and some riprap should be added to the channel carrying the water from the cart path runoff. A discussion will be held at the next regular meeting with regard to the large puddling area adjacent to Carter Road and whether or not an environmental consulting firm would need to be brought in to assess any damage done to the property as a result of the clear cutting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The site walk adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

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Land Use Administrator

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