

TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands held a regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, via zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

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

Staff Present: Donna M. Hayes, LUA

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2021.

Ms. Smith moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 24, 2021 as presented. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Application #1259-21, Andrew Ocif, 193 Segar Mountain Road, Map 19 Block 22 Lot 14, installation of 75' curtain drain and large boulders alongside the north side of pond to prevent further erosion.

Mr. Michael Gawel appeared before the Commission representing Mr. Ocif. He explained that the uphill side of the existing pond was eroding/slumping into the pond due to the wetness of that area. The plan is to install a curtain drain that will direct the water away from the sides of the pond. In addition to the curtain drain, large boulders will be installed to hold up the sides of the pond and prevent any further erosion.

Ms. Smith said that she knows the property well and that while the area is continually wet it is not an active wetland. She believes that this work would not be harmful to the area. Ms. Werner asked if it would be more beneficial to add plantings and Ms. Smith said that she did not think so as the area is unpleasant, wet ground.

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Ms. Hayes explained that Mr. Ocif would be willing to do the work in August when the area is somewhat drier. When asked if the curtain drain will be draining water away from the pond or into the pond, Mr. Gawel replied that the water would be redirected into the pond but it would be clean water due to the fact that the water would be running through the curtain drain. He also commented that the pond does not dry up, it simply gets lower during the warmer summer months.

Mr. Yagid moved to table Application #1259-21, Andrew Ocif, 193 Segar Mountain Road, Map 19 Block 22 Lot 14, installation of 75' curtain drain and large boulders alongside the north side of pond to prevent further erosion until the next regular meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.B.** Application #1261-21, Richard Novick for Lynn & Dorothy Novick, 355 Skiff Mountain Road, Map 8 Block 8 Lot 7, cut down 3 dead/dying trees in wetland area.

Mr. Novick explained that there are three trees that are either dead, diseased or dying that he would like to cut down. Two of the trees are located within the wetland area. The third tree is located close to the house but Mr. Novick was unsure whether or not it was within 200' of the pond.

Ms. Hayes explained that the trees would be cut down and will remain on the property. The cut pieces would then be cut into smaller pieces allowing them to lay on the ground in order to help with the decomposition.

Mr. Novick was asked to measure the distance from the tree closest to the house to the pond and report back to the Commission at the July meeting.

Ms. Smith moved to table Application #1261-21, Richard Novick for Lynn & Dorothy Novick, 355 Skiff Mountain Road, Map 8 Block 8 Lot 7, cut down 3 dead/dying trees in wetland area until the next regular meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.A.** Application #1258-21, Stefan Peters/Ashley Rosebrook, 99 Macedonia Brook Road, Map 2 Block 5 Lot 13, demolition of existing garage; construction of new garage; parking area; atrium and breezeway connection from existing house to new garage; inground swimming pool with pool deck; retaining wall; flattening of existing driveway grade; and, associated site work.

Mr. Jason Dismukes, engineer, and Mr. Peters, property owner, were present at the meeting. Ms. Werner asked if there were any changes or additional information on the application and both Mr. Dismukes and Mr. Peters replied there was not. Ms. Werner asked if the Commission had any other questions. There were none.

Mr. Yagid moved to approve Application #1258-21, Stefan Peters/Ashley Rosebrook, 99 Macedonia Brook Road, Map 2 Block 5 Lot 13, demolition of existing garage; construction of new garage; parking area; atrium and breezeway connection from existing house to new garage; inground swimming pool with pool deck; retaining wall; flattening of existing driveway grade; and, associated site work. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

6.A.1. Monthly Financials – July 2020 through April 2021

No action taken.

6.A.2. Pesticide Application: Leonard Pond

It was noted that #'s 11 and 12 on the Pesticide Application were incorrect. Ms. Hayes said that she would send an email to Ms. Bodner to let her know. She will also let her know that people do have access to the pond from the South Kent Road side and often allow their young children and pets to play on the shore of the pond.

B. VERBAL

Mr. Yagid asked if Ms. Hayes could find out when the work will be completed on 99 Upper Kent Hollow Road as the completion date could affect the farm exemption that was granted by this Commission. If the work will not be done in the near future, the Commission should consider revoking the farm exemption and require the property owner to provide proper siltation to protect the pond that was installed.

Ms. Hayes advised the Commission that new legislation will take effect on July 1st that will allow commissions to once again meet in person. After discussion, it was decided that they would prefer to continue to meet via zoom until a clearer determination is made with regard to the ending of the pandemic and any subsequent variants.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

Donna M. Hayes, CZEO
Land Use Administrator