

TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of Kent held a regular meeting via zoom on Monday, July 26, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

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

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, LUA

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 28, 2021.

Ms. Smith moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021, as written. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Application #1262-21, Rick Osborne for Town of Kent, Macedonia Brook Road, Map 2 Block 7 Lot 16, emergency repair of shoulder area which has eroded during the recent heavy rains.

Ms. Hayes reported that Mr. Osborne informed her that he met with a representative of the park and it was decided that an engineer from Cardinal do a site visit to determine the best way to proceed. He asked that the application be tabled until next month when he will have more definitive information.

Ms. Smith moved to table Application #1262-21, Rick Osborne for Town of Kent, Macedonia Brook Road, Map 2 Block 7 Lot 16, emergency repair of shoulder area which has eroded during the recent heavy rains to the next regular meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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- 4.B.** Application #1263-21, Michael Gawel for Stephen & Denise Morocco, 21 Muller Road, Map 9 Block 22 Lot 49, pump down pond and dredge; spoils to be placed on steep slope to soften grade.

Mr. Gawel was in attendance to present the application. He explained that the pond had silted in and even with the 4" of recent rain, the pond was only 4' deep. There is a very steep slope coming down from the front of the house to the pond that would be receiving some of the silt from the pond. During a visit at the site today, Mr. Gawel reported that the property owner has asked that the area next to the driveway also be changed from a 1 to 1 slope to either a 3-1 or 4-1. Mr. Gawel will update the site plan showing this addition to the application. He will also include a planting plan and a note on how the work will be done. The new site plan will also include the elevations and a notation that the well shown on the plan is not in use.

Mr. Johnson moved to table Application #1263-21, with the newly requested information being presented, Michael Gawel for Stephen & Denise Morocco, 21 Muller Road, Map 9 Block 22 Lot 49, pump down pond and dredge; spoils to be placed on steep slope to soften grade to the next regular meeting. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.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. Ocif was present and commented that there were no updates to his originally presented plan. Having no further questions, Ms. Werner asked for a motion.

Ms. Smith moved to approve 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. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 5.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.

Ms. Hayes reported that she had received an email from Mr. Novick stating that the tree closest to the house was 95' from the pond. With no further questions, Ms. Werner asked for a motion.

Ms. Smith moved to approve 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. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

No action taken.

B. VERBAL

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Ms. Hayes reported that she had spoken with Mr. Forese regarding 99 Upper Kent Hollow Road. Mr. Forese reported that they recently ran electricity along the top road way and will be placing top soil and seeding the top area of the property. There is silt fencing along the south side of the property diverting runoff into the pond on the lower level. Mr. Forese did have Mr. Paul Szymanski visit the property who advised Mr. Forese not to work on the lower pond yet and to keep it designated as a “silt pond” catching the runoff from the top portion of the property until everything is seeded. Once the upper slopes are seeded, he will begin work on the area around the pond. Once the lower area has been seeded, he will work on cleaning out the lower level silt pond. There is no finish date at this point in time but Mr. Forese said they will be starting the process of applying top soil and seed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deitz moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

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Land Use Administrator