

# TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetland Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

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

Staff Present: Donna M. Hayes, LUA

### **3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2021.**

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2021, as presented. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4.A. Application #1264-21, Arthur McMurray, 126 Kent Road, Map 5 Block 10 Lot 30, clean up of back yard and re-leveling of area.**

Ms. Werner began the conversation by asking for clarification on questions 10.C and D on the application. Both answers were “no”. When asked if it would be okay to do a site visit, Mr. McMurray gave verbal approval to do so.

Mr. McMurray then explained that the previous owner had created a “dump” pile of brush and limbs that have begun to erode into the wetland area. Mr. McMurray’s plan is to level out an area of approximately 30’ from the back of the detached barn/garage and place wood chips in the area of the existing brush pile. When asked if it would be possible to chip what is already there, Mr. Gawel, who walked the site with the property owner, replied that the material was too far gone and had already started to decompose.

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Ms. Werner said that it is hard to tell what the typography of the property was and asked Ms. Hayes to do a site walk. Mr. Yagid asked where the wetlands were and Mr. Gawel replied that it was approximately 20' feet past the cliff. He feels that the chips along with some seed would help to slow down any erosion that is now taking place.

Mr. McMurray said that he has silt fencing and it was decided that it would be appropriate for him to install the silt fencing now. The owner was asked to add the silt fencing to the plan and provide the limit of disturbance.

*Mr. Yagid moved to table Application #1264-21, Arthur McMurray, 126 Kent Road, Map 5 Block 10 Lot 30, clean up of back yard and re-leveling of area to the special meeting of September 27, 2021. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.B.** Application #1265-21, Albert Loverro, 310 Kent Cornwall Road, Map 8 Block 22 Lot 16, addition to existing barn/garage, removal of existing farm structures, clearing of invasives from stream edge.

Mr. Loverro participated in the meeting and explained what he plans on doing. There was some confusion with regard to the two different plans that were submitted. The Commission understood the application to be the removal of 3 existing sheds and the goat coop closest to the stream channel and an addition to the existing barn. Doing this would move all of the structures away from the stream.

Ms. Werner asked Ms. Hayes to do a site walk and Mr. Johnson said that he would like to participate.

Mr. Yagid asked that the actual distance to the area noted as "marsh" be provided and that the location of silt fencing/hay bales be added to the plan as well.

It was noted that Torrington Area Health would need to be involved with the addition to the barn and Mr. Deitz asked that specific attention be paid to the location of the well. Zoning permits would also be required for the proposed addition to the existing garage.

*Mr. Johnson moved to table Application #1265-21, Albert Loverro, 310 Kent Cornwall Road, Map 8 Block 22 Lot 16, addition to existing barn/garage, removal of existing farm structures, clearing of invasives from stream edge to the special meeting of September 27, 2021. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.C.** Application #1266-21, Brian Neff for John Hoving, 119 Treasure Hill Road, Map 17 Block 32 Lot 21, construction of detached 30' x 30' garage.

Mr. Brian Neff, PE, was in attendance to present the application to the Commission. He explained that the plan is to construct a 30' x 30' detached garage on the northern side of the house. A portion of this new garage would be situated on the existing driveway. All the wetlands have been surveyed and flagged and the lot is mostly wood with the exception of the house and pool. There is an approximately 5% slope towards the wetlands and the garage would sit approximately 53' from the identified wetlands. The proposed location would be approximately 45' from the existing house. The structure would be a fairly simple structure built on a slab with no water, septic or facilities. The limit of disturbance would be 20' around the new proposed building and there will be no trees cut down beyond that limit.

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Mr. Yagid asked if the utilities would be buried and Mr. Neff said they would. Ms. Hayes will stop by and take a look at the property and report back to the Commission at their next meeting.

*Ms. Smith moved to table Application #1266-21, Brian Neff for John Hoving, 119 Treasure Hill Road, Map 17 Block 32 Lot 21, construction of detached 30' x 30' garage to the special meeting of September 27, 2021. Mr. Yagid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- 5.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 had met with the engineer and the plan originally suggested does not meet the requirements of the engineer. As such, the application will be withdrawn and re-submitted when a finalized plan has been created by the engineer. In the meantime, cones have been placed at the shoulder to prevent anyone from driving too closely.

*Mr. Yagid moved to accept the withdrawal of 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 from Mr. Osborne. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 5.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 present to address the additional information to the original site plan. It has been decided that the work will not be done until the area dries up as there is too much water currently in the pond. When asked if there were going to be any plantings, Mr. Gawel replied that he would be using quick growing rye and fescue to secure the slopes and will come back and spread better grasses to fill in. Hay bales will be placed along the new slopes. When asked if he thought that would be enough, Mr. Gawel said that it was not a vast area but would double stake them.

Mr. Gawel asked Ms. Hayes how much lead time she would need before starting the project. She asked that Mr. Gawel give her at least a week after putting in the hay bales and beginning the project so that she can inspect the installation.

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

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

### **A. WRITTEN**

No action taken.

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**B. VERBAL**

No action taken.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna M. Hayes*

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Land Use Administrator

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