

# TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.

### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Marge Smith, Vice Chairman; Eric Cieplik, Paul Yagid and Rex Newton

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator  
Jennifer Calhoun, Land Use Clerk

### 3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2015.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 16, 2015.*

### 4. APPLICATIONS

4.1. Application #1117-15, Virginia Bush Suttman, 8A Bluff Road, cutting down 4 dying trees, pruning two others, mowing the area, Map 19 Block 15 Lot 38.

Virginia Bush Suttman was present for the application. Mrs. Hayes noted that Ms. Suttman would like to clean up the area behind the old boathouse. Ms. Suttman noted that Bill Braden had built the boathouse in 1989. Mrs. Hayes added that some of the trees are not as healthy as they should be and that one fell already. The tree stumps will outline the property.

Ms. Suttman noted that the small stuff would be ground up and spread on the surface.

Ms. Smith asked if the area would remain as lawn. Ms. Suttman noted that it would be mulch. Mr. Yagid wondered if Arbor Services would be utilizing a forest mower that is mounted on a skid steer. Ms. Suttman stated that she did not know what type of machinery was to be used.

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Mrs. Hayes would like the project to be underway while the ground is frozen. Ms. Smith stated that she would not want the area mowed to the riverbank and Ms. Suttman stated that it would be mulch and that it would not go to the riverbank.

Ms. Suttman then explained where the water on the site originates. She showed pictures of pipe above her property that drains from the condos on Elizabeth Street. Ms. Smith stated that the runoff was probably killing the trees. Ms. Suttman added that this pipe is on the condos property.

The Commission did not have any other questions or concerns.

*Mr. Yagid moved to table application #1117-15. Mr. Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.2. Application #1118-15, Allied Engineering Associates for Anderson Acre Farm LLC, 1 Anderson Acres Road, installation of stream culvert for existing farm road crossing and installation of recirculating, self-contained waterfall system on pond, Map 16 Block 24 Lot 16.

Bob Gilchrest from Allied Engineering Associates was present for the application. He explained that they were applying for 2 small projects. One project within the stream channel and one within the regulated area. The property is 221 acres and straddles Warren and Kent. The proposed stream crossing is on an existing farm road that has been used before the current owners bought the property. Right now they drive over the existing stream, which deposits silt into the stream. The proposal is to place two culvert pipes into the stream and fill over them.

Mr. Gilchrest explained the drainage calculations to the Commission. He stated that the calculations for the 100 and 500 year storms were ridiculous and they decided they were comfortable with the 25 year storm that warranted 2-24" pipes.

There would be no excavation. They would put the pipe right into the stream, add 6-12" gravel for stabilizing, add fabric and then 6" of compacted roadway stone. The road would be 64' long to get back to grade. Rip rap would be added on the sides of the stream to prevent scouring. Modified rip rap would be added at the outflow. Mr. Yagid questioned the stone to be used at the inlet. Mr. Gilchrest stated that it was designed for a 25 year storm and the rip rap was about 3-6" in size.

Mrs. Hayes questioned where this stream emptied and Mr. Gilchrest noted that it was into the West Aspetuck. Mr. Gilchrest added that the stream was dry from all of August until now, but come April it gets pretty wet.

Mr. Gilchrest then explained the second project. It is a self-contained, recirculating waterfall on the east side of the existing pond. The intent, he added, was not to interrupt an existing water flow.

Mrs. Hayes noted that this project has grown in scope since it was first proposed. It is 30 feet long now.

Mr. Gilchrest noted that they would like to use native plantings and stones.

Mr. Yagid asked what tributary was supplying the pond and Mr. Gilchrest showed him the wetlands on the plan that supplied the pond.

Mrs. Hayes asked if the waterfall would run 24/7 and Mr. Gilchrest doubted it.

The Commission then discussed a pipe on the property that was filled in with silt. Mrs. Hayes had a picture and showed it to the Commission and thought it was done when the fence was constructed. Mr. Gilchrest noted that Patrick, the contractor for the property, would clean it out.

Mr. Gilchrest noted that he would like to put the culvert pipes in before the January meeting because the ground is dry and not frozen. Ms. Smith stated that that made sense. Mr. Yagid noted that if it was done in the spring it would coincide with breeding season. The Commission agreed to approve the project tonight so that the culvert pipe project would cause less harm to the stream.

*Mr. Yagid moved to approve application #1118-15 with the condition that no work for the first phase of installing 2 culverts be done until after the 15 day appeal notification period and that the second phase of the waterfall be started in the spring. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- **6.A.** Modification to Application 1035-12, Kent Greenhouse for Steven Wolf, 34 Macedonia Brook Road, remove existing split rail fence, replace with stone wall 2.5" wide by 2.5" tall; modification to include removal of additional 59 lf of split rail fence left of culvert and construction of 59 lf stonewall with same profile as others, Map 3 Block 9 Lot 5.

No one was present for the modification. Mrs. Hayes stated that in 2012 the Commission approved the installation of a stonewall, but it only went a certain distance. Mr. Wolf would like to extend it. The regulated area is on the property across the street. They would like to add an additional 59 linear feet of 2 ½ x 2 ½ stonewall.

*Mr. Newton moved to approve the modification to application #1035-12. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 6.B.** Request for farming exemption, Kent Greenhouse for Bill Lang, 211 Kent Hollow Road, installation of 1-1/2" PVC line through wetlands from new well, Map 16 Block 27 Lot 1.

Richard Crouch from the Kent Greenhouse was present for the application. He has asked permission to drill a water well on the Wilsea Farm property. It would be used for crop watering in the meadow field.

Mrs. Hayes explained the location to the Commission.

Mr. Yagid questioned the grade on site and asked if the line would be below frost. Mr. Crouch stated that it would only be seasonal use.

Mr. Crouch added that right now they have no water for growing in that field. They would like to drill a well with 8" casing about 400 feet deep.

Mr. Yagid asked about the volume of water they would receive and Mr. Crouch thought it would be approximately 40 gallons a minute.

Mr. Crouch added that they would install 2 hydrants on the property.

The Commission agreed that this was exempt of the farming statute.

*Mr. Yagid moved to recognize that the proposed activity of installation of 1 1/2" PVC line through wetlands from new well would be a farming exemption. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

WRITTEN

7.A.1. Monthly Financials, July through October, 2015

The Commission received this document.

A. VERBAL

7.B.1. Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause, Docket #FIC 2015-279, Pamela Dudgeon-Eisenlohr against Chairman, Inland Wetlands Commission, Town of Kent; Inland Wetlands Commission, Town of Kent; and Town of Kent, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, P.O. Box 678, Kent, CT 06757.

Mrs. Hayes noted that they heard from the FOI Commission and that they would be going back in January.

ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Calhoun  
Land Use Clerk

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