

**TOWN OF KENT  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent, CT.

**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; Eric Cieplik, Fred Hosterman, Marge Smith

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, Land Use Administrator

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

3.A. Special Meeting Minutes, May 30, 2017.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes, May 30, 2017, as written. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. APPLICATIONS**

4.A. Application #1156-17, Joshua Kragh and Amanda Kragh, 253 Macedonia Road, new deck on southeast face of house, Map 2 Block 4 Lot 2

There was no one present for this application. The group reviewed the map and noted that the existing house is within the wetland area. The members questioned whether this is a functioning wetland and asked Ms. Hayes to view the property to confirm that this activity will be a minimal impact.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to table Application #1156-17, Joshua Kragh and Amanda Kragh, 253 Macedonia Road, new deck on southeast face of house, Map 2 Block 4 Lot 2 to the next regular meeting. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

5.A Application #1151-17, John Blore for Irwin Choyne, inground gunite swimming pool, pool equipment, bluestone patio and fencing, Map 10 Block 41 Lot 27

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Kent Inland Wetlands Regular Meeting Minutes 6/26/17

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Mr. Blore came forward and it was confirmed that all of the information requested by this Commission has been supplied. The silt fencing will be at the end of the area of disturbance. The proposal to build a rock wall has been eliminated.

*Ms. Smith moved to approve Application #1151-17, John Blore for Irwin Choyne, 24 Oak Ridge Road, inground gunite swimming pool, pool equipment, bluestone patio and fencing, Map 10 Block 41 Lot 27. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 5.B.** Application #1152-17, Town of Kent, Park and Recreation, 42 Segar Mountain Road, installation of processed stone in a 9' wide by 200' long area approximately 25' from the stream, Map 10 Block 40 Lot 9.

Ms. Hayes reported that the applicants have hired a surveyor who has not yet had an opportunity to survey the property. The applicants have requested that the application be tabled.

*Ms. Smith moved to table Application #1152-17, Town of Kent, 42 Segar Mountain Road, installation of processed stone in a 9' wide by 200' long area approximately 25' from the stream, Map 10 Block 40 Lot 9 to the next regular meeting. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously..*

- 5.C.** Application #1155-17, Town of Kent, 159 Macedonia Brook Road, replacement of two existing culvert pipes, Map 2 Block 5 Lot 4

Ms. Hayes shared photos of the site taken by Mr. Rick Osborne, Highway Foreman. The members agreed that this is necessary work to be done and had no questions or concerns.

*Mr. Cieplik moved to approve Application #1155-17, Town of Kent, 159 Macedonia Brook Road, replacement of two existing culvert pipes, Map 2 Block 5 Lot 4. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- 5.D.** Fee Ordinance

Ms. Hayes reviewed the proposed fee schedule with the members. She noted that the town application fee has been increased from \$35 to \$40, which with the additional \$60 state fee will be a total of a \$100 application fee. Additionally, verbiage regarding the reimbursement for engineering/professional services has been added to the proposed ordinance.

*Ms. Smith moved to forward the revised Fee Ordinance to the First Selectman's office for inclusion on the next Town Meeting agenda. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.A.** Notice of Violation 01-17, Charles Hirschler, 255 Segar Mountain Road, breaching of beaver dam, Map 2 Block 5 Lot 4

Justin Money came forward as a representative for Charles Hirschler. A copy of the letter to Mr. Hirschler from the Land Use Office regarding the removal of a beaver dam without a permit was confirmed as received by the members. Mr. Money explained that he has removed the beaver dam several times. A low section of Mr. Hirschler's lawn becomes flooded when the beavers build the dam creating sinkholes in an area of a previously demolished pool. He described the process he uses to breach the dam in order to keep the water to a level that will not flood out the lawn.

Ms. Hayes explained that she has received complaints regarding the silting of the area downstream due to this activity. She explained that DEEP does not recommend this process; however, Mr. Hirschler is open to Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions visiting the site to recommend best practices going forward.

Ms. Hayes agreed to contact Mr. Callahan regarding this matter and copy Mr. Hirschler and Mr. Money so that a meeting can be coordinated.

*Ms. Smith moved to continue Notice of Violation 01-17, Charles Hirschler, 255 Segar Mountain Road, breaching of beaver dam, Map 10 Block 22 Lot 16 to the next regular meeting. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION**

### **A. WRITTEN**

#### **7.A.1. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters: South Kent School;**

There were no comments on the South Kent School Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters.

Ms. Smith reported that after the submission of a Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in North Spectacle Lake, she checked with Mr. Jeffrey Morgan, owner of property on the lake, to see if they had been notified of the application. Mr. Morgan reported that they had not. Ms. Werner asked Ms. Hayes to find out whether or not it is a requirement of the applicator to notify property owners when pesticides are going to be applied.

#### **7.A.2. Monthly Financials – FY '16 – '17; July through May, 2017**

No comments were made.

#### **7.A.3. The Habitat, Spring 2017**

No comments were made.

### **B. VERBAL**

A brief discussion was held regarding the impact the gypsy moths are having on the eastern portion of the state.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Hosterman moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Mr. Cieplik seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted.

Tai Kern

Tai Kern,  
Land Use Clerk

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