

TOWN OF KENT INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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The Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on May 20, 2019 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; Ken Dietz, Fred Hosterman, Marge Smith, Paul Yagid

Staff Present: None

Mr. Yagid made a motion to add agenda item 4.C., Application #1199-19. Mr. Hosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.A. Regular Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2019.

Mr. Hosterman said that under item 3.A., "Mr." should be changed to "Ms.".

Mr. Yagid moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ms. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPLICATIONS

Mr. Dietz joined the meeting at this point in time and Ms. Smith left due to illness.

4.A. Application #1197-19, Jeffrey Berg & Susanna Dunne, 15 Halls Lane, installation of 10' 2" x 16' 2" above ground soaking pool, Map 9 Block 22 Lot 31.

Mr. Berg, Ms. Dunne and their contractor, Mr. Thompson, were present to the address the Commission. Mr. Thompson explained that they were applying to install an above ground soaking pool. Ms. Dunne submitted photographs of the proposed location. It was explained that the pool was really a glorified hot tub that is precast and set in place. It sits on a gravel base and the existing patio will be expanded to the pool. The site is the highest elevation on the property with the only other viable site too close to the existing septic. Ms. Werner noted that the pool will be set 80' from the pond but would not be filling the wetland. The area of disturbance will be 13' x 7' x 5' but they will only be digging down 3'. There is no filter but there is a drywell for the periodic backwash. It is a salt water system. Ms. Werner asked if they did any test holes and if so, was there any water. The installer

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replied that they did not do any test holes but that the location was 7' above the pond. There will be 8" of gravel installed under the pool. It can be elevated if necessary.

Mr. Yagid said that he would like to see where the excavated soil will go and asked that silt barriers be shown on the map. Ms. Werner would also like to see the actual location of the wetlands boundary along with the distances to the disturbed area. The Commission was told that the excavated soil will be taken off of the site so there will be no stockpiling. Ms. Werner asked if they were going to add any other vegetation between the proposed location and the view of the pond. The response was that they don't want to lose the view of the pond.

Ms. Werner asked that the wetlands boundary be identified on the map along with the other requirements of the application. No formal site walk will be done, but Ms. Werner said that she might stop by. The applicant said that they will provide all the information required.

Mr. Hosterman advised the applicant that they have phragmites surrounding the pond and they should think about taking steps to eliminate them as they are invasive. Ms. Werner said that the Commission would be happy to work with them should they decide to do anything in that area.

Mr. Yagid moved to continue Application #1197-19, Jeffrey Berg & Susanna Dunne, 15 Halls Lane, installation of 10' 2" x 16' 2" above ground soaking pool, Map 9 Block 22 Lot 31 to the next meeting. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.B.** Application #1198-19, Vincent Roberti for High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., 62 Carter Road, addition of covered porch to existing maintenance barn/shop, Map 14 Block 22 Lot 7.

Mr. Vin Roberti, Facilities Director, was present to address the Commission. Mr. Roberti said that they would eliminate the blacktop and replace it with gravel. He explained that the existing porch will continue along the building. It was noted that the construction will be approximately 80' from the nearest wetlands flag. The new portion of the deck will sit on approximately 4 pontoon type piers. Temporary silt fencing is indicated on the site plan. Mr. Roberti explained that the front part of the garage is paved and the back portion is gravel.

Mr. Yagid moved to continue Application #1198-19, Vincent Roberti for High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., 62 Carter Road, addition of covered porch to existing maintenance barn/shop, Map 14 Block 22 Lot 7 to the next meeting. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.C.** Application #1199-19, Samuel Mazza, 11 Upper Kent Hollow Road, remove existing structure, install pre-fab log cabin house, install prefab barns 10' x 45', install storage barn, Map 16 Block 26 Lot 1.

The property owner was present and explained that they want to remove most of the existing structures and replace the main house with a pre-fab, log cabin house (12' x 32') on the existing main house foundation (24' x 32'). The new house will be placed against the wall closest to the existing septic system. Ms. Werner asked about the topography and she was advised that it does slope. She asked to have topos placed on the map.

Mr. Mazza said that an additional pole barn (10' x 48') will also be installed. The storage building will be a prefab metal building on sonotubes. Ms. Werner asked what the distance was to the wetlands. The driveway will remain and an apple tree will be removed. There is a possibility that the shed could be redirected to run parallel to the driveway. A small excavator will be used to install the sonotubes. The location of the silt fencing and stockpiles should be added on the map.

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Mr. Deitz said that there is minimal disturbance which will benefit the property. Mr. Yagid asked about the septic system and Mr. Mazza said that it was operational.

Mr. Yagid moved to continue Application #1199-19, Samuel Mazza, 11 Upper Kent Hollow Road, remove existing structure, install pre-fab log cabin house, install prefab barns 10' x 45', install storage barn, Map 16 Block 26 Lot 1. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.A.** Application #1196-19, Town of Kent Park and Recreation for Town of Kent, 38 Maple Street, replacement and extension of existing drainage pipe and deposition of riprap at outlet of pipe, Map 4 Block 12 Lot 4.

With no additional information required and no further discussion the following motion was made:

Mr. Yagid moved to approve Application #1196-19, Town of Kent Park and Recreation for Town of Kent, 38 Maple Street, replacement and extension of existing drainage pipe and deposition of riprap at outlet of pipe, Map 4 Block 12 Lot 4. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.A.** Discussion of proposed work at 47 Carter Road, High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., possible construction and raising of a 60' x 70' pole barn canopy over existing round horse pen, Map 14 Block 21 Lot 17.

Mr. Vin Roberti, Facilities Director, was present to discuss the proposed work. Mr. Roberti explained that they would like to construct a 60' x 70' x 12' pole barn with no sides but roofed in the area adjacent to the existing barn. The purpose of this open sided structured would be to hold therapeutic sessions up to 4x/week. They want it roofed so that these sessions can still be held during the rain. Ms. Werner asked if the wet area adjacent to the roadway would be impacted. Mr. Roberti said that it would not. Mr. Yagid asked about the waterbars that were installed. Mr. Roberti replied that they have been working very well with no washout.

Mr. Roberti said that the proposed barn is approximately 700' from the book. When asked why he was before the Commission, Mr. Roberti replied that Ms. Hayes had asked that anything they were doing on the property should be brought before the Commission for a preliminary review. Ms. Werner asked if it would be possible to see how close to any wetlands this work might be. Mr. Yagid asked about the new pasture land areas, Mr. Roberti replied that the grass had taken.

Ms. Werner said that it might be important for Ms. Hayes to take a walk to see where the barn is proposed but at this point in time, she did not see any reason for High Watch to apply for a permit.

7. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

A. WRITTEN

7.A.1. Monthly Financials – July – March, 2019

The information was received.

7.A.2. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters:

There were no applications.

7.A.3. Factsheet 5 from Penn State, Roadside Research Project, *Managing Japanese Knotweed and Giant Knotweed on Roadsides*.

Ms. Werner reported that HVA will be mapping the location of the knotweed clusters and she will share any Kent locations with the Commission.

B. VERBAL

No action taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hosterman moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Deitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

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Land Use Administrator

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