

**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of Woodbridge was held on March 16, 2016, in the Central Meeting Room of the Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Robert Blythe, Chairman, David Bixler, Jack Kurek, David Speranzini and Barry Josephs
ALTERNATES: Joshua Goldberg and Jean Webber
ALSO PRESENT: Terry Gilbertson, Agency Enforcement Officer (AEO)
Board of Selectman Liaison, Beth Heller
Tamara Riccitelli, Recording Secretary

Chairman Blythe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADDITION TO EVENING'S AGENDA

SCOTT AND CHRISTINE MCNAMERA: 42 MULBERRY LANE

Application for installation of an in ground pool.

Agency members acted as follows:

- ** **Mr. Bixler moved to add to the evening's agenda receipt and appropriate action on the application by Scott and Christine McNamera for installation of an in ground pool at 42 Mulberry Lane.**
 - ** **Mr. Kurek seconded.**
 - ** **Voting for: Blythe, Bixler, Kurek, Speranzini and Josephs**
 - ** **Opposed: No one**
 - ** **Abstained: No one**
- Unanimous Approval 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS

WILLIAM MCLEAN: 100 CENTER ROAD

Application to build a bridge across the stream on the Blue Trail located on the Fitzgerald Property.

The application was formally received by the Agency. The application included the application form, notice to the abutting property owners, notice to the Regional Water Authority (RWA), site plan and bridge plan.

Relative to the application the Staff Memo noted:

- The project is a Boy Scout Eagle Project for improvements to a stream crossing on a public trail on the town owned Fitzgerald property.
- Typically the Agency has exempted the application fees as being a municipal project.
- Because the bridge would be directly in and abutting a wetland, the Agency must act on the application, accordingly it cannot be acted on until the April 20, 2016 regular meeting of the Agency.
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- Agency members should determine if they want to inspect the site.
- Work on the project is recommended to occur in the “drier” season of the year.

William McLean was present to discuss the application and answer any questions the Agency had. Mr. McLean noted:

- The Eagle Scout project is to be on the Fitzgerald property on the Blue Trail to replace a bridge going across a stream.
- The Troop and the Board of Selectman have approved the project.
- The Woodbridge Land Trust will fund the project.
- The Regional Water Authority (RWA) was contacted and is fine with the project because there is no site disturbance.
- The bridge would be around 30 feet long.
- Most of the construction would not be on-site.
- The bridge should be able to hold a significant amount of weight.

At the end of discussion, action on the application was deferred until the Agency’s next regular meeting on April 20, 2016. It was also the consensus of the Agency members that individual site visits would be made prior to the April 20th meeting.

ANNAMARIE AMORE: 64 RIMMON ROAD

Application to remove old deck and build a new larger deck.

The application was formally received by the Agency. The application included the application form, proof of notice to the abutting property owners, checks for town, state and town clerk fees and site plan.

Relative to the application the Staff Memo noted:

- The site is not on a public water supply watershed.
- The expanded deck is within an upland review area of the onsite wetlands, but not directly in the wetlands itself.
- Site disturbance should be minimal since only additional post hole footings would need to be dug.
- It was staff’s recommendation that action on the application be deferred to the Agency’s duly authorized agent.
- If the Agency chooses to act on the application itself, action cannot be taken until the Agency’s regular meeting on April 20, 2016.

Annamarie Amore and George Discher, 64 Rimmon Road, were present to discuss this application. Mr. Discher noted:

- The existing deck is being taken down because the deck boards are beginning to rot.
- The deck has been sinking over the past few years and they are afraid that it is going to fall.
- The proposed deck will be a little bit larger than the one that is there.

AEO Terry Gilbertson noted that he believed that the deck is in front of the Agency because of its proximity to the wetlands. The deck is in a previously disturbed area. The only threat to the wetlands would be during the construction of the piers which should be easily controllable.

John Petrillo from J & P Restoration, New Haven, CT, confirmed that sonotubes would be used for the project.

After discussion, Agency members acted as follows on the application:

- ** Mr. Bixler moved to delegate action on the application to remove the old deck and build a new larger deck at 64 Rimmon Road to AEO Terry Gilbertson.**
 - ** Mr. Josephs seconded.**
 - ** Voting for: Blythe, Bixler, Kurek, Speranzini and Josephs**
 - ** Opposed: No one**
 - ** Abstained: No one**
- Unanimous Approval 5-0**

SCOTT AND CHRISTINE MCNAMERA: 42 MULBERRY LANE

Application for installation of an in ground pool.

The application was formally received by the Agency. The application included proof of notice to the abutting property owners, checks for the town, state and town clerk fees.

Relative to the application the Staff Memo noted:

- The site is on a public water supply watershed.
- There is no formal soil survey of the subject property.
- There is a stream on the adjoining property immediately to the south of the subject property, which when scaled, places the proposed pool in an upland review area.
- The applicant stated that the materials excavation for the pool will be used on site. Staff had asked that the placement of those excavated materials be shown on the submitted site plan.
- Since Staff is unfamiliar with the site, there is no recommendation from Staff on whether or not the application could be deferred to the Agency's duly authorized agent or if the Agency should act on the application itself.
- If the Agency chooses to act on the application itself, action cannot be taken until the Agency's regular meeting on April 20, 2016.

Scott McNamera, applicant, and Mario Capela from A-1 Pools, were present to discuss the application. Mr. McNamera stated that the intent is to install a 16' x 32' standard rectangular in ground pool in the backyard.

Agency members discussed with AEO Gilbertson their concerns with the location where the pool is proposed.

After discussion, Agency members acted as follows:

- ** Mr. Kurek moved to delegate action on the application for installation of an in ground pool at 42 Mulberry Lane to AEO Terry Gilbertson.**
 - ** Mr. Speranzini seconded.**
 - ** Voting for: Blythe, Bixler, Kurek, Speranzini and Josephs**
 - ** Opposed: No one**
 - ** Abstained: No one**
- Unanimous Approval 5-0**

**RECEIPT AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE IWA SINCE THE FEBRUARY 17,
2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE AGENCY WHICH IS NOT RELATED TO
LISTED AGENDA ITEMS**

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

There was no discussion this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Packet dated February 26, 2016 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding proposed flood hazard determinations.
2. Copy of the Winter 2016 issue of the Habitat, the newsletter of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACIWC).

**DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION GOALS, CHANGES, DIRECTIONS AND
POSSIBLE REGULATION CHANGES**

Discussion of this item was continued until the Agency's May 18, 2016 meeting.

SCHEDULING OF DATE FOR NEXT IWA SITE INSPECTIONS

Individual site visits will be made by Agency members for the application located at 100 Center Road prior to the Agency's next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Regular Meeting of February 17, 2016**
 - ** **Mr. Bixler moved to approve the minutes as submitted.**
 - ** **Mr. Speranzini seconded.**
 - ** **Voting for: Blythe, Bixler, Kurek, Speranzini and Josephs**
 - ** **Opposed: No one**
 - ** **Abstained: No One**

Unanimous Approval 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

- ** **Mr. Bixler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.**
- ** **Mr. Josephs seconded.**
- ** **Voting for: Blythe, Bixler, Kurek, Speranzini and Josephs**
- ** **Opposed: No One**
- ** **Abstained: No One**

Unanimous Approval 5-0

Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Tamara Riccitelli
Recording Secretary