

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency for March 17, 2021 was commenced via WebEx at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 by Chairman Robert Blythe.

Agency members participating in the WebEx Meeting were: Chairman Robert Blythe, David Speranzini, Jack Kurek, Josh Goldberg, and alternate Jean Webber. Agency member Barry Josephs and alternate Josh Lemon did not participate in the meeting. Webber was seated in place of Josephs. Agency Enforcement Officer (AEO) Kristine Sullivan participated in the meeting.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Charles Riether: 170 Center Road

Cease and Restore Order regarding clearing at 170 and 174 Center Road around a seasonal stream

The Chairman opened the Show Cause Hearing on the Cease and Restore Order issued to Charles Riether regarding clearing at 170 and 174 Center Road around a seasonal stream. The Chairman noted:

- The purpose of the Show Cause Hearing was for the Agency members to decide if the Cease and Restore Order should be affirmed or dismissed.
- If the Cease and Restore Order was affirmed, then the applicant would be required to submit an application providing a remedy for the work that had been done in violation of the wetland regulations.

Mr. Riether and his daughter Leann Riether both participated in the WebEx meeting. In discussion Mr. Riether noted:

- He had been in Florida when the clearing work had been done.
- His property is three acres in area.
- The clearing had been related to a needed upgrade for his septic system.
- The clearing had been done in the wrong direction, i.e., straight back from the house which sits angled on the property rather than straight back from Center Road
- He would be in contact with his tree specialist and would do any necessary (restoration) plantings.
- Members of the Agency were welcome to visit the site.

Marc Estra, owner of 174 Center Road where some of the clearing had been done and where the seasonal stream is located also provided comment for the Show Cause Hearing. Mr. Riether apologized for the clearing that had infringed on Mr. Estra's property and again noted that remediation plantings would be done.

At the conclusion of the Show Cause Hearing, the Chairman asked for a motion to either affirm or dismiss the Cease and Restore Order. Agency members then acted as follows:

***** Kurek moved to affirm the Cease and Restore Order issued to Charles Riether regarding clearing at 170 and 174 Center Road around a seasonal stream and require the submission of an application for the Agency's approval for restoration of the area cleared around the seasonal stream.**

*** Speranzini seconded
*** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber
*** Opposed: No One
*** Recused: No One
*** Abstained: No One
Approved 5-0 vote

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Gordon: 24 Center Road

Application to modify permit for the residential site development of 24 Center Road with the addition of a rear deck to the proposed house

The application submitted by Jonathan Gordon to modify the permit issued by the Agency for the residential site development of 24 Center Road by the addition of a rear deck to the proposed house was formally received at the Agency. The application was accompanied by a check for the town and state application fees and site plan showing the proposed addition.

Mr. Gordon participated in the WebEx meeting and noted:

- The deck would be supported by footers that would be 8 to 9 feet above grade.
- Heli coils would be used to minimize the impact of the deck.

At the conclusion of discussion, Agency members took the following action regarding the application:

*** Kurek moved to delegate action on the application submitted by Jonathan Gordon to modify the permit previously issued by the Agency for the residential site development of 24 Center Road by the addition of a rear deck to the proposed house, to the Agency's Duly Authorized Agent.

*** Speranzini seconded
*** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber
*** Opposed: No One
*** Recused: No One
*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Patrick and Sumiko Tray : 22 Rimmon Road

Application for remediation work adjacent to wetlands in response to Cease and Desist Order.

AEO Sullivan noted that this item had been on the agenda because the application had been mailed in. The application had not yet been received in the mail.

It was the consensus of the Agency members to continue this agenda item to the Agency's regular meeting on April 21, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Daniel and Lauren Esposito: 15 Wolf Tree Drive

Cease and Desist Order Regarding Tree Clearing and Grading in Wetlands and Upland Review Area

Daniel Esposito: 21 Wolf Tree Drive

Cease and Desist Order Regarding Tree Clearing and Grading in Wetlands and Upland Review Area

These items were carried over until the Agency's regular meeting in April to allow more time for a presentation on the submitted application for remediation work in the wetlands and upland review areas of the subject properties.

Patrick and Sumiko Tray Owners/Kriz Landscaping Contractor: 22 Rimmon Road Cease and Desist Order Regarding Tree Clearing and Grading in Upland Review Area

This item was carried over until the Agency's regular meeting in April when it is anticipated that a presentation will be made on the submitted application for remediation work in the wetlands and upland review area of the subject property.

Mary Early: 38 Hunting Hill Road

Application for residential site development of property.

The application submitted by Mary Early for the residential site development of a lot to be split from her property located at 38 Hunting Hill Road had been formally received at the Agency's regular meeting on December 17, 2020. Since the February 17, 2021 IWA meeting, the project engineer had submitted the Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) approval for the septic design.

Project Engineer John Paul Garcia participated in the WebEx meeting to answer any questions that the Agency members might have.

Following a brief discussion, Agency members acted as follows on the application:

***** Webber moved approval of the application of Mary Early for the residential site development of the undeveloped first split of property located at 38 Hunting Hill Road based on the site plans prepared by John Paul Garcia and Associates entitled and dated as follows:**

- **“Property Division Map, 38 Hunting Hill Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut”, Drawing C-1, dated 10-20-20;**
- **“Site Development Plan, 38 Hunting Hill Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut”, Drawing C-2, dated 10-20-20, revised to 1-20-21;**
- **“Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, 38 Hunting Hill Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut”, Drawing C-3, dated 10-20-20;**
- **“Septic Plan, 38 Hunting Hill Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut”, Drawing C-4, dated 10-20-20; and**
- **“Typical Details, 38 Hunting Hill Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut”, Drawing C-5, dated 10-20-20, revised to 1-20-21.**

The approval is also based on the two page Drainage Calculations, provided by John Paul Garcia and Associates LLC, entitled “Stormwater Management”, dated 12-21-20.

The application is approved subject to standard permit stipulations and the following special conditions:

- **A preconstruction meeting between the contractor and the Agency Enforcement Officer**

- **Prior to the start of site work, posting of a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 to ensure the installation and functioning of stormwater management and erosion and controls**
- **Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the residence that the design engineer shall certify that that the stormwater management measures were installed in substantial conformance to the site plan of record.**

The permit is approved based on the Agency’s determination that if the site is developed in accordance with the revised site plan and other permit conditions there should be minimal or no impact to the onsite stream and wetlands.

- *** Kurek seconded**
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber**
- *** Opposed: No One**
- *** Recused: No One**
- *** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email request was received from Igor Zakoworotney for release of the \$10,000.00 bond related to work at 14 Zak Hill Road under IWA permit # 2012-004

Note: The site had been inspected by the Agency’s consulting engineer Jim Pretti of Criscuolo Engineering. A memorandum from him dated March 15, 2021 recommending the release of the bond had been received and distributed to the Agency members.

- *** Kurek moved to release the \$10,000.00 bond related to work at 14 Zak Hill Road based on the recommendation of the Agency’s consulting engineer.**
- *** Goldberg seconded**
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber**
- *** Opposed: No One**
- *** Recused: No One**
- *** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

2. An email from Donald W. Smith, Jr., P.E. regarding the need to replace the septic system at 15 Twinbrook Drive. Mr. Smith noted that the site has extensive wetlands and a watercourse. He also added that the septic repair would be located as close to the house and far from the wetlands as possible.

Note: AEO Sullivan asked if the Agency members would be comfortable pre-authorizing her to issue a permit for septic repair at 15 Twinbrook Drive based on the representations made by Mr. Smith.

- *** Webber moved to delegate action on any application that is submitted for a septic repair at 15 Twinbrook Drive to the Agency’s Duly Authorized Agent,**
- *** Goldberg seconded**
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber**
- *** Opposed: No One**
- *** Recused: No One**
- *** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

SITE VISITS

No site visits needed to be scheduled. The Chairman noted that members were welcome to visit 170/174 Center Road on an individual basis

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The AEO had nothing new to report to the Agency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of February 17, 2021

- *** Speranzini moved approval of the minutes with corrections**
- *** Kurek seconded**
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber**
- *** Opposed: No One**
- *** Recused: No One**
- *** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- *** Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.**
- *** Webber seconded**
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Webber**
- *** Opposed: No One**
- *** Recused: No One**
- *** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary