

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency for April 21, 2021 was commenced via WebEx at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 by Chairman Robert Blythe.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Amanda Lee: 1086 Johnson Road

Application to for construction of a detached garage.

The application submitted by Amanda Lee for the construction of a detached garage at 1086 Johnson Road was formally received at the Agency. The application was accompanied by a check for the town and state application fees, proof of notice of the application to the abutting property owners and a site plan showing the proposed detached garage.

While an invitation to participate in the WebEx meeting had been sent to the applicant, no one joined the meeting to discuss the application.

Agency members waited until late in the meeting to see if the applicant joined the meeting. No one having joined the meeting by the end of the meeting, the Agency members reviewed the application materials and those familiar with site noted that the garage would be in an existing lawn area and hence there should minimal if no impact to the onsite wetlands.

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

***** Kurek moved to delegate action on the application submitted by Amanda Lee for the construction of a detached garage on her property located at 1086 Johnson Road, to the Agency's Duly Authorized Agent.**

***** Josephs seconded**

***** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, and Josephs**

***** Opposed: No One**

***** Recused: No One**

***** Abstained: No One**

Approved 3-0 vote

Patrick and Sumiko Tray : 22 Rimmon Road

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

The application had been formally received at the Agency's regular meeting on March 21, 2021. Both Patrick and Alison Tray participated via WebEx in discussion of the application and noted the following regarding the application and in response to questions from Agency members:

- The intent is to remove dead trees, brush piles and overgrown brush adjacent to the watercourse.
- The brush includes barberry bushes.
- After the area has been cleaned up, plantings would be done, possibly including River Birch.

It was the consensus of the Agency members to continue this agenda item to the Agency's regular meeting on May 19, 2021 to allow time for AEO Sullivan to meet at the site with the applicants and for the applications to provide a sketch locating where bushes and trees would be planted and what types of plantings would be done. In the interim, the applicants would be allowed to remove brush and dead trees without the use of heavy equipment.

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

Daniel Esposito: 15 and 21 Wolf Tree Drive

Application for Restoration of Areas Cleared and Grading in Both the Wetlands and Upland Review Area

The application has been formally received at the Agency's regular meeting on February 17, 2021. At the request of Attorney Pellegrino representing Mr. Esposito, this agenda item was carried over until the Agency's regular meeting on May 19, 2021 to allow time for survey work to be completed to determine if any of the restoration work would need to be done on adjoining property owned by the Woodbridge Land Trust.

Charles Riether: 170 Center Road

Cease and Restore Order Regarding Clearing at 170 and 174 Center Road Around a Seasonal Stream

Mr. Riether participated in discussion regarding this matter. The Chairman requested that he provide an update regarding the restoration. Mr. Riether noted:

- He had contacted his tree specialist.
- The abutting landowner of 174 Center Road, Mr. Estra, had been congenial regarding the matter.
- Eight to ten red maples would be planted in the area that had been cleared.
- Additional plantings to "wall off" Mr. Estra's property at 174 Center Road would be done to make it more aesthetically pleasing to both property owners.

It was the consensus of the Agency members to have AEO Sullivan meet Mr. Riether and Mr. Estra at the site to confirm the location and number of plantings and report back to the Agency at its May meeting. In addition, a planting plan for the record was requested to be provided by Mr. Riether.

Correspondence

1. An email request was received from Igor Zakoworotney for release of the \$15,000.00 bond related to work at 12 Zak Hill Road under IWA permit # 2012-004

Note: The site had been inspected by the Agency's Chairman and Enforcement Officer (AEO) because the Agency's consulting engineer Jim Pretti of Criscuolo Engineering was unavailable having contracted Covid. The Chair and AEO reported that the site was stabilized.

*** **Goldberg moved to release the \$15,000.00 bond related to work at 12 Zak Hill Drive based on the recommendation of the Agency's Chairman and Enforcement Officer.**

*** **Kurek seconded**

*** **In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Josephs and Goldberg**

*** **Opposed: No One**

*** **Recused: No One**

*** **Abstained: No One**

Approved 4-0 vote

2. An email was received from Mr. Bryant Esparo of 220 Seymour Road requesting Agency feedback regarding the feasibility of him installing a dock into the pond adjoining 220 Seymour Road. In the email Mr. Esparo noted that:

- He could either build a conventional dock, a floating dock that would be removed seasonally, or a dock on wheels.
- He had spoken with the residents and board members of the pond that they had no problem with any of the proposed docks. (AEO Sullivan noted that there are other docks on the pond)
- He had attached a link to the dock on wheels.

Note: After discussion, Agency members determined that an application for construction of the dock would need to be made, including a narrative describing the method of boat access, how the dock would be constructed. Members noted that the least intrusive method of impacting the wetlands should be used.

SITE VISITS

No site visits needed to be scheduled.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The AEO reported the following to the Agency:

- She had met with the owner of 1 Pine Ridge regarding cleaning of dead branches and invasive plants adjacent to a stream at the side of the property. The owner will be removing multiflora rose and Japanese barberry to allow the existing pachysandra, ivy, and trout lilies to expand flourish.
- Concerns had been received from the owners of 95 and 85 Forest Glen Drive after they had received notice that blasting would be necessary to create the foundation for the new house at 91 Forest Glen Drive. The site contractor had been contacted and he reported that an independent 3rd party inspector will monitor the site blasting when it is done.

- She had met with the owner of 65 Ansonia Road and requested that an application be made to address the previously required remediation work for restoration of clearing done abutting the onsite stream.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no action regarding the March 17, 2021 minutes.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

***** Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.**

***** Josephs seconded**

***** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Josephs, and Goldberg**

***** Opposed: No One**

***** Recused: No One**

***** Abstained: No One**

Approved 4-0 vote

Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary