

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency (IWA) was commenced at 7:31 pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, in the Central Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, by Chairman Robert Blythe.

Agency members present for the meeting were: Chairman Robert Blythe, Jack Kurek, Dave Speranzini, and Steven Sosensky. Excused were Josh Goldberg and alternate Jean Webber. Agency Enforcement Officer (AEO) Kristine Sullivan was also present.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION

Litchfield Turnpike LLC: 10 and 14 Merritt Avenue
14 Lot subdivision application construction of ± 375' of road, and fourteen duplex units with municipal water and sewer

Chairman Blythe noted that in order to allow additional reports from consultants for both the applicant and the Agency, that the applicant's legal counsel Attorney John Knuff had sent an extension of time to continue the public hearing until the Agency's regular meeting on June 15, 2022. The Chairman also noted that once the public hearing is closed that the Agency has up to thirty five days to act on the application.

The Chairman then recontinued the public hearing to the regular meeting of the Agency on June 15, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Agency this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Diana Blythe: 49 Rimmon Road first split aka 1218 Johnson Road
Residential Site Development of Lot

Chairman Blythe recused himself from this agenda item and Agency member Kurek was seated as Acting Chair. The application had been received at the Agency's regular meeting on April 27, 2022, at which time action on the application had been deferred until this evening's regular meeting.

Staff reported that approval of the septic system for the new lot created by the first split had not yet received approval from Quinnpiack Valley Health District (QVHD). Sanitarian John Laudano had received the plans and the permit fee but had to recuse himself from reviewing the plans and was going to have someone else at QVHD do the review.

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

*** Speranzini moved to defer action on the application to the Agency's Duly Authorized Agent pending receipt of approval of the septic plans for the proposed residence by

Quinnpiack Valley Health District since there was no activity proposed directly in a wetland and it appeared that there would be minimal or no impact to the onsite wetlands.

*** Sosensky seconded

*** In favor: Kurek, Speranzini and Sosensky

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: Blythe
*** Abstained: No One
Unanimous approval

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email received earlier in the day had been distributed via email to the Agency members from Mary Gorman regarding concerns that an observed drainage system by the Amity High School Ballfields might carry PFOS and/or PFAS from the new athletic fields through a wetlands and eventually into the Wepawaug River from which residential wells might get their water supply.

Staff noted that:

- The resident's email had been forwarded to Lynn Fox at QVHD since the concern included potential impact to well water quality and requested water testing. Ms. Fox had responded that if the watershed were a public water supply watershed she could see if the Regional Water Authority would do any testing. Staff confirmed that the Wepawaug River is on the public water supply watershed for the RWA reservoir located on Route 34 in Orange.
- The resident's email had been forwarded to Amity Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Byars since the concern was regarding the PFOS and/or PFAS in the stadium artificial turf.
- When the Town Plan and Zoning Commission approved the field replacement it was conditioned upon the Amity Regional School District being furnished with a warranty regarding the levels of PFOS and PFAS in the turf to be used at the High School as represented by the Turf installers in the course of the TPZ hearing on the field replacement. A copy of that warranty as provided to the District was also filed with the TPZ. That warranty, with its addendum addressing PFOS/PFAS in the turf had been forwarded to the Agency members.
- The email had been forwarded to Town Counsel for him to opine on what, if any, action the Agency could take regarding having any water tests done.

Agency member Sosensky opined that even though the Agency had not issued a permit relative to the turf replacement, that if there was contamination of surface water that the Agency would have jurisdiction.

It was the consensus of the Agency members to defer further discussion until the Agency's next regular meeting on June 15, 2022, to allow time for receipt of any feedback from QVHD, Dr. Byars and Town Council.

Chairman Blythe recused himself from this discussion.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

AEO Sullivan reported that she had observed that fresh fill had been graded up to the wetlands at 65 Ansonia Road. She had contacted the Agent for the property owners, who had previously indicated that he would be assisting with having an application submitted for restoration work adjacent to the wetlands. That Agent had emailed that Soil Scientist David Lord

had been contacted and was to have visited the site today and that an application would be forthcoming for the Agency's regular meeting in June.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action on the Agency minutes for April 27, 2022, was deferred until the Agency's regular meeting on June 15, 2022.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

***** Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.**

***** Speranzini seconded**

***** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini and Sosensky**

***** Opposed: No One**

***** Recused: No One**

***** Abstained: No One**

Unanimous approval

Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary