

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency for June 16, 2021 was commenced via WebEx at 7:35 pm on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, by Chairman Robert Blythe.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Kent and Christina Golden: 16 Old Still Road

Application for construction of foot bridge over onsite stream

The application by Kent and Christine Golden for the construction of a foot bridge over the brook on their property located at 16 Old Still Road was formally received by the Agency. The application was accompanied by checks for the town and state application fees and filing of the decision on the town land records, site plan, sketch of the proposed footbridge construction and proof of notice of the application to the abutting property owners.

Both applicants participated in the discussion of the application via WebEx. In discussion and response to questions by the Agency members they noted the following:

- The applicants would like to construct a footbridge over the onsite brook to connect one side of their property with the other.
- The footbridge would have a foundation of 6 X 6's and 2 x 10 beams to cross the brook.
- Agreed that small ramps on either side would be a good idea.
- The brook typically flows about 80% of the year.
- The bridge would be high enough so as to be above the highest point when the brook is flowing.
- The Brook typically stays in in gully through which it flows.
- Where the bridge would be located, the sides of the gully are eroding so rocks would be used to stabilize the banks and prevent further erosion.
- The bridge would be constructed by setting the 6 X 6's on the "shore" (upper banks of the gully) with stones under the wood.
- There is already ledge rock on one side of where the bridge would be place.
- The bridge would be about 12' across and 3' ~ 4' wide.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Chairman noted that action on the application would have to be deferred until the July meeting of the Agency since the project would take place directly over and abutting the brook.

Patrick Harding: 72 Park Lane

Application for modification of existing permit for residential site development of property

The application by Patrick Harding to modify the existing permit for the residential site development of property located at 72 Park Lane owned by Wayne Luciani was formally received by the Agency. The application was accompanied by a letter of consent by the property

owner to Mr. Harding making the application, site plan, comparison plan showing what was previously approved and now proposed to be built, and proof of notice of the application to the abutting property owners.

Project engineer John Paul Garcia participated in the WebEx Meeting as well as Mrs. Harding also participated in the WebEx meeting. In discussion of the application and response to questions by Agency members the following was noted:

- The septic location would remain the same.
- The house has been moved further away from the onsite wetlands.
- The driveway has been relocated.
- The property slopes downhill from Park Lane.
- Separate infiltrators to handle drainage for the driveway and house and footing drains would be installed.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was the consensus of the Agency members to refer the revised plans to the Agency's engineering consultant, Jim Pretti of Criscuolo Engineering for review and comment. The Agency members concurred that the application fee would be the fee for modifying a permit in addition to the cost of Mr. Pretti's review.

Further discussion on this agenda item was then deferred until the Agency's regular meeting on July 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

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 had been formally received at the Agency's regular meeting on February 17, 2021. Since the May 19, 2021, meeting of the Agency, an email had been received from Attorney Pellegrino on behalf of Mr. Esposito, requesting additional time to process the application since completed survey work had determined that some wetland restoration work would need to be done on adjoining property owned by the Woodbridge Land Trust.

Discussion regarding the forgoing agenda items was therefore deferred until the Agency's regular meeting on July 21, 2021.

Andrew Wisniewski: 1225 Johnson Road

Application for construction of a garage addition

The application for the construction of a garage addition for the existing residence at 1225 Johnson Road submitted by Andrew Wisniewski had been received at the May 19, 2021, meeting of the Agency.

Since that meeting revised plans had been submitted by Mr. Wisniewski, which had been forwarded to the Agency's engineering consultant, Jim Pretti of Criscuolo Engineering for review and comment. Mr. Pretti's review comments had been distributed to the Agency members and forwarded to Mr. Wisniewski.

Mr. Wisniewski participated in the WebEx meeting and noted:

- The revised plans offer two drainage plans to handle the roof and garage drainage.
- One option would be to maintain the current direct discharge into the pond and the option would be to install an infiltrator system.
- QVHD has approved the location of the garage.

In discussion, Agency members opined that the safer choice would be to have the infiltrator drainage system installed. They also discussed having a nominal bond to insure the installation of the infiltrator system.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Agency members acted as following on the application:

***** Kurek moved to approve the application of Andrew Wisniewski for construction of a garage on his property located at 1225 Johnson Road based on the site plan entitled "Site Plan Zoning Location Survey of Property Located at 1225 Johnson Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut Prepared for Andrew Wisniewski and Jelena ILIC ", dated 8-18-2020 Site Plan Info 5-28-2021 prepared by Lewis Associates.**

The permit is subject to standard conditions and the following recommendations from the Agency's consulting Engineer, Criscuolo Engineering:

- **A note be added to the site plan which states that any activity, present or future, which involves clearing, regrading, filling, construction, or any other means of disturbance within the wetlands or the 100' upland review area is prohibited without the prior consent of the Town's Inland Wetland Agency. Any change to the footprint, configuration, or location of the proposed addition and driveway shall also be subject to the review and approval of the Town of Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency.**
- **The alternate roof drain mitigation (24 LF of infiltrators) be implemented and the existing discharge to the pond be removed.**
- **A note be published on the site plan which states that the proposed stormwater management measures to be installed on the site are to be considered permanent fixtures. The property owner is responsible for the stormwater management measures continued maintenance in accordance with the published schedule, and for the preservation of their continued functionality. The stormwater management measures cannot be filled in, abandoned, left in disrepair, or otherwise altered without the prior consent of the Town of Woodbridge.**
- **Notice of the foregoing maintenance requirement shall be filed in the deed of record for the parcel in the Town of Woodbridge's land records office, with a copy of the deed provide to the Agency for its records.**

- **A note shall be published on the site plan which states that the certification shall be provided to the Town of Woodbridge by the design engineer, prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, that the stormwater management measures were installed in substantial conformance to the site plan of record, in accordance with his overall design intent.**

In addition, a performance bond of \$2500 shall be furnished to ensure the installation of the required storm water infiltration system which shall be released with the required certification by the design engineer of the conformance of that system installation with the approved plans.

***** Goldberg seconded**

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

***** Opposed: No One**

***** Recused: No One**

***** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

Correspondence

1. An email had been received from Anamika Reed who resides at 95 Forest Glen Drive relative to blasting which had occurred at 91 Forest Glen Drive relative to the site development of a single family residence on that site which had been distributed to all of the Agency members.

The Chairman noted the following relative to the email:

- At the Agency's May 19, 2021, meeting an email had also been received and discussed from Mrs. Reed.
- After that meeting another email had been received from Ms. Reed which had been forwarded to Town Counsel and responded to by the Chair after review by Town Counsel of the Chair's response. Note: Those emails had also been provided to the Agency members.
- Ms. Reed requested a public hearing on her concerns about impacts to the wetlands from the site blasting. Since there is no application pending before the Agency, no public hearing can be held.
- He had inspected the site earlier in the day and noted a couple of breeches in the erosion controls ~ but not seen any evidence of erosion occurring in those areas. *Note: AEO Sullivan had independently inspected the site and noted the same.*
- When the Chair had visited the site, significant amounts of rock were being trucked off site.
- Blasting is outside of the jurisdiction of the Agency.
- Ms. Reed has expressed concern, but provided no evidence, of adverse impacts to the wetlands from residue from the blasting materials.

At the conclusion of the Chairman's comments members noted that it would seem logical any materials used for blasting would be consumed in the process of blasting. However, the Commission will seek comment from its consulting engineer as to any known adverse effects from materials used for blasting on the environment after blasting has occurred.

SITE VISITS

No site visits needed to be scheduled.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The AEO reported the following to the Agency:

- An application should be forthcoming for wetland remediation work at 65 Ansonia Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*** Speranzini moved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting on March 17, 2021, with minor corrections.

*** Kurek seconded

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

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: No One

*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

*** Kurek moved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting on April 21, 2021, with minor corrections.

*** Josephs seconded

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

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: No One

*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

*** Kurek moved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting on May 19, 2021, with minor corrections.

*** Josephs seconded

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

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: No One

*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

OTHER BUSINESS

This being the last meeting for Agency member Barry Josephs who is retiring from the Agency, the members and staff expressed their sincere thanks to Mr. Josephs for his volunteer service on the Agency which was deeply appreciated.

Mr. Josephs in turn expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to serve on the Agency

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

*** Josephs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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

Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary