

**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY**  
**TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency (Agency) was commenced at 7:32 pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 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, Josh Goldberg, David Speranzini, Steven Sosensky, Jean Webber (alternate) and Enréne van Tonder (alternate). Agency Enforcement Officer (AEO) Kristine Sullivan was also present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Michael Ikonomou: 28 Crestview Drive**

**Application for construction of a 30' x 40' detached garage.**

The Agency formally received the application submitted by Michael Ikonomou for construction of a 30' x 40' detached garage for his residence at 28 Crestview Drive. The application was accompanied by a check for the application fees, site plan showing the location of the proposed garage and aerial photo of the property for reference purposes. Mr. Ikonomou was present to discuss the application with the Agency members.

In his presentation regarding the application and in response to questions from the Agency members his comments included:

- The application is for the construction of a 30' x 40' detached garage.
- The garage would be for vehicle parking and storage.
- The garage would be located on a portion of the existing driveway and lawn.
- The closest point of the garage would be 25' from the onsite wetlands.
- The wetlands closest to the house do not flood and do not have standing water.
- The area shown on the aerial photograph which appears "pink" with "dots" is a mulched area with shrub plantings.
- The wetlands are behind the mulched plantings, Crestview Lake is much further away.
- The site is basically flat.
- It would be impractical for building purposes to attach the garage to the house.
- The size of the garage has been determined based on the needs of the family.
- The existing lawn and mulched plantings have been as they currently are since he purchased the property in 1997.

At the conclusion of discussion of the application, it was the consensus of the Agency members to conduct a site inspection of the property on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7 pm in advance of the regular meeting of the Agency that evening. Mr. Ikonomou was asked to identify the proposed corners of the garage for that site visit. Staff also noted that it would be helpful for the Agency members if Mr. Ikonomou could decide if the structure would have rain gutters or not. Further discussion on the application was then deferred until the Agency's regular meeting on July 19, 2023.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Alexandra Alexiades: 1073 Racebrook Road

**Application for replacement of existing collapsing pipe in backyard carrying stream from one side of the property to the other.**

The application submitted by Alexandra Alexiades for replacement of the existing collapsing pipe in the backyard of her residence at 1073 Racebrook Road which carries a stream from one side of the property to other had been formally received by the Agency at its regular meeting on May 17, 2023. At that time, in accordance with the regulations, action on the application had been deferred until this meeting of the Agency since the activity involved work directly in a wetland. At that meeting the applicant had also been advised that she did not need to attend this evening's meeting.

In discussion of the application, Agency member Sosensky noted that an alternative to piping the stream would have been to allow the stream to remain open to allow the backyard to become a meadow, with other areas of the site used for "outdoor" activities. Following discussion, Agency members acted as follows on the subject application.

**\*\*\* Sosensky moved to approve the application by Alexandra Alexiades for replacement of the existing collapsing pipe in the backyard of her residence at 1073 Racebrook Road which carries a stream from one side of the property to other. The submitted site plan shall now become the "MAP OF RECORD". The permit is subject to standard conditions. The permit approval is based on the Agency's belief that if the approved plans and conditions of this permit are followed, there should be minimal or no impact to the watercourse.**

**\*\*\* Kurek seconded**

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

**\*\*\* Opposed: No One**

**\*\*\* Recused: No One**

**\*\*\* Abstained: No One**

## CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence received.

## ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

There was nothing new to report.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Agency members Sosensky noted for the record that the quality of the work with regard to erosion control, maintenance of antitracking pads and storm water controls has been very good.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes of March 8, 2023.**

**\*\*\* Kurek moved to approve the minutes of the Agency's special meeting on March 8, 2023, with the change of the time of the meeting adjournment on page 7 to reflect the motion adjournment time of 8:57 pm, and other grammatical corrections by Agency member Jean Webber.**

**\*\*\* Speranzini seconded**  
**\*\*\* In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Goldberg, Speranzini and Sosensky.**  
**\*\*\* Opposed: No One**  
**\*\*\* Recused: No One**  
**\*\*\* Abstained: No One**  
**Unanimous approval**

**Minutes of May 17, 2023.**

**\*\*\* Kurek moved to approve the minutes of the Agency’s regular meeting on May 17, 2023, with the correction of the word “proper” in the last bullet on page 1 to be “property” and other grammatical corrections by Agency member Jean Webber.**  
**\*\*\* Sosensky seconded**  
**\*\*\* In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Goldberg, Speranzini and Sosensky.**  
**\*\*\* Opposed: No One**  
**\*\*\* Recused: No One**  
**\*\*\* Abstained: No One**  
**Unanimous approval**

**SITE INSPECTIONS**

As previously noted, a site inspection of 28 Crestview Drive was scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*\* Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.**  
**\*\*\* Speranzini seconded**  
**\*\*\* In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Goldberg, Speranzini and Sosensky.**  
**\*\*\* Opposed: No One**  
**\*\*\* Recused: No One**  
**\*\*\* Abstained: No One**  
**Unanimous approval**

**Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary**