

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency was commenced via WebEx at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 by Chairman Blythe.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION

Patrick Lewis: 163 Center Road
Application for After the Fact Permit for Pool House

The public hearing on the subject application had been opened on July 1, 2020 and had been continued until this evening's meeting.

Members of the Agency who had visited the site since the July 1, 2020 meeting were: Chairman Blythe, Josh Goldberg and Barry Josephs.

Mr. Goldberg noted that the site visit had confirmed that the construction of the pool house had not posed any risk to the wetlands on the adjoining property.

Mr. Lewis was also participating in the WebEx meeting and commented that he had nothing to add for the public hearing.

There being no further comments by Agency members or the applicant the public hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Arnold: 190 Seymour Road
Application for construction of deck and repair of retaining wall

The application was formally received by the Agency. It was accompanied by the site plan showing the location of the deck and retaining wall, proof of certified mailing to the abutting property owners and a check for the State and Town application fee.

Applicant Mark Arnold and his consulting architect Robert Tucker participated in the WebEx meeting. In discussion and response to questions by the Agency members they noted:

- The deck would be constructed over an existing concrete slab patio.
- The wood deck would have a sonatube foundation
- The retaining wall around the deck would be a "sitting" wall.
- It is not expected that there would be any effect on the water drainage from the site.
- The low 1 ½' to 2' tall retaining wall would shore up the base of a steep slope behind the house.
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After a brief discussion the Agency members took the following action on the application.

***** Speranzini moved to defer action on the application to the Agency's duly authorized agent, Kristine Sullivan subject to the usual stipulations,**

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

Jessica Denty-Drane: 83 Wepawaug Road

Application for construction of an 18' x 36' in-ground vinyl pool in existing grassy lawn area of back yard. Excavated soil to be distributed across existing lawn area to level lawn area around the pool.

The application was formally received by the Agency. It was accompanied by the site plan showing the location of the proposed pool, proof of certified mailing to the abutting property owners and a check for the State and Town application fees.

Applicant Jessica Denty-Drane participated in the WebEx meeting noting:

- The pool would be an in ground pool with a vinyl liner.
- There pool would be in an existing lawn area behind the house.
- There had previously been a pool in the backyard but had been filled in.
- Excavated soil would be distributed across the existing lawn area to level lawn area around the pool.

After a brief discussion the Agency members took the following action on the application.

*** **Kurek moved to defer action on the application to the Agency's duly authorized agent, Kristine Sullivan subject to the usual stipulations, finalization of the location of the pool.**

*** **Speranzini seconded**

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

*** **Opposed: No One**

*** **Recused: No One**

*** **Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

OLD BUSINESS

Patrick Lewis: 163 Center Road

Application for after the fact permit for 30' x 30' pool house with 30'x 8' porch overhang

In discussion, Agency members:

- Concurred that based on the site inspections that had been done that the pool house construction had posed no risk to the offsite wetlands.
- Noted that the existing pool that was constructed by a prior owner of the property was now using a cartridge filter.

*** **Kurek moved to approve the after the fact application for the construction of the 30' x 30' pool house with 30' x 8' porch overhang based on the Agency's findings that the construction of the pool house had had no impact on the offsite wetlands.**

*** **Josephs seconded**

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

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: No One

*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Town of Woodbridge: 100 Center Road

Application for widening of the south side of the driveway entrance off Beecher Road to the Fitzgerald Property.

This application was withdrawn by the Town.

In discussion, Agency members noted:

- That some materials and vegetation had been removed when the project had been started without benefit of a permit.
- That there should be some cleanup and restoration of the area.

Staff will contact the Public Works Department Director to request information on how the Agency members request will be addressed.

SITE INSPECTIONS

No site inspections needed to be scheduled.

MINUTES

*** Kurek moved to approve the minutes of the Agency's regular meeting of May 20, 2020 postponed until June 3, 2020 with typo graphical corrections.

*** Goldberg seconded

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

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: No One

*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Note: Action on the Minutes of the Agency's special meeting on July 1, 2020 was deferred until the Agency's next regular meeting on September 16, 2020.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

*** Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm

*** Goldberg seconded

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

*** Opposed: No One

*** Recused: No One

*** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary