

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

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency for July 21, 2021 was commenced at 7:35 pm on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, by Chairman Robert Blythe in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

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 June 16, 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 and the Trust needed to review the remediation work that was proposed to be done on its property.

Discussion regarding the forgoing agenda items was therefore deferred until the Agency's regular meeting on September 22, 2021.

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 had been received by the Agency at its regular meeting on June 16, 2021. At that meeting action on the application had been deferred until this evening's meeting since the project would take place directly over and abutting the brook and therefore had to be acted on by the Agency itself.

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

***** Kurek moved to approve the application of Kent and Christina Golden for construction of a foot bridge over the stream on their property located at 16 Old Still Road based on the bridge details submitted with the application**

The permit is approved subject to standard conditions and the additional condition requiring a preconstruction meeting between the owners and the Agency Enforcement Officer to confirm the placement of any required erosion controls and seasonal timing of work on the bridge construction.

Granting of the permit is based on the Agency finding that there should be minimal or no impact to the onsite wetlands and stream if the conditions of the permit are complied with.

***** Josephs seconded**

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

***** Opposed: No One**

***** Recused: No One**

***** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

Patrick Harding: 72 Park Lane

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

The application by Patrick Harding to modify and transfer the existing permit for the residential site development of property located at 72 Park Lane owned by Wayne Luciani was received by the Agency at its regular meeting on June 16, 2021. Based on discussion at that meeting the modified plans had been referred to the Agency's consulting engineer, Jim Pretti of Criscuolo Engineering for review. Mr. Pretti's emailed review comments dated July 9, 2021, had been distributed to the Agency members and provided to the applicant's consulting engineer John Paul Garcia.

Project engineer John Paul Garcia was present at the meeting. He submitted a check for the cost of Mr. Pretti's review to complete payment of the required application fees.

The Chairman asked if a proposed bond for the project had been provided. Mr. Garcia responded that he would propose a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.

***** Speranzini moved to approve the application of Patrick Harding for the modification and transfer of the existing permit for the residential site development of property n/f owned by Wayne Luciani located at 72 Park Lane.**

The permit transfer is approved based on the Agency's receipt of a letter of consent to the permit transfer submitted by permit holder Wayne Luciani.

The approved permit modifications revise the "Map of Record" to be the following plans all prepared by John Paul Garcia and Associates, dated 5/23/17 and revised to 5/21/2021:

- **"Site Development Plan, 72 Park Lane, Woodbridge Connecticut", Drawing C-1,**
- **"Proposed Septic Plan, 72 Park Lane, Woodbridge Connecticut", Drawing C-2; and**
- **"Typical Detail and Notes, 72 Park Lane, Woodbridge Connecticut", Drawing C-3.**

The following terms of the original permit shall remain in effect;

- 1. Staked hay bales or other suitable filtering device be installed as per Map of Record or at the direction of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer per the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.**
- 2. Onsite sediment and erosion controls shall be maintained in good working condition until permanent vegetative cover of disturbed areas on the site has been established to the satisfaction of the Agency or the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.**
- 3. Sediment barriers shall be cleaned as needed or at the direction of the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.**
- 4. Rip Rap to be placed as per the Map of Record.**
- 5. Seeding of disturbed areas to be done within 5 calendar days of the completion of the approved activity.**
- 6. The use of temporary sediment basins shall be installed as per the “MAP OF RECORD”, OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.**
- 7. A member or representative of this Agency may be present when said activity is performed.**
- 8. The Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency is to be notified when the sediment and erosion controls have been installed so that an initial inspection of those controls can be made.**
- 9. The Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency is to be notified when construction is complete so that a follow-up site visit may be made.**
- 10. This permit is not transferable without the permission of the Agency.**
- 11. Submission of a bond , the amount to be determined by the Agency Enforcement Officer and Agency Consulting Engineer, to insure compliance with all provisions of the Town of Woodbridge Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations and the terms, conditions, and limitations established in this permit. The bond shall remain in effect until permanent vegetative cover has been established to the satisfaction of the Agency or Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer.**
- 12. Notice of this action by the Woodbridge Inland Wetland Agency shall be recorded in the Land Records of the Town of Woodbridge on such form as prescribed by the Agency.**

The permit is also subject to:

- **A pre-construction meeting between the Agency Enforcement Officer and the site contractor.**
- **A revised expiration date of October 18, 2027, given the existing permit expiration of October 18, 2022.**

In granting the permit modification, the Agency found that the site design as presented is considered to have exhibited best engineering practice in the development of the parcel of land under consideration.

***** Kurek seconded**
***** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Goldberg and Josephs**
***** Opposed: No One**
***** Recused: No One**
***** Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from the West River Watershed Coalition regarding federal funding for infrastructure and alternative transportation projects, including the area of the West River Greenway.

SITE VISITS

No site visits needed to be scheduled.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The AEO reported the following to the Agency:

- Sites 157 and 165 Peck Hill Road, 15 and 21 Wolf Tree Drive, and 54, 60 and 66 Northrop Road were all inspected during heavy rains on Friday, July 2, 2021. Appropriate contact was made with site contractors/consultants where corrective erosion control measures needed to be implemented to control sediment from eroding from those sites. The developer of 54 Northrop Road was also advised that no further site work (only tree clearing, and stumping has occurred to date) on that property until a permit has been approved by the IWA for that site's development.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***** Kurek moved to accept the minutes for the regular meeting on June 16, 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

The Chairman noted that it was customary to have election of officers at the start of the new fiscal year after which the following votes were taken:

*** **Josephs moved to nominate Mr. Blythe as Chairman for a four year term.**

*** **Speranzini seconded**

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

*** **Opposed: No One**

*** **Recused: No One**

*** **Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

*** **Blythe moved to nominate Mr. Kurek as Vice Chairman.**

*** **Goldberg seconded**

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

*** **Opposed: No One**

*** **Recused: No One**

*** **Abstained: No One**

Approved 5-0 vote

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

*** **Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.**

*** **Goldberg 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 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary