

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 28, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

These Minutes are subject to approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Sharon Salling, Scott Jackson, Mike McCabe, Kendall Horch, Stephanie Kurose

Staff Present: Kiana Maisonet, Land Use Enforcement Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATION

IW Application #23-05 by David Basak-Smith, property located at 71 Lakeview Terrace, to construct a sloped accessway from the property to the waterfront by decreasing the grade.

Ms. Salling thanked the Robinsons for allowing the Commission to walk on their property. Ms. Salling stated it enabled the Commission to understand what the applicant was proposing and to see the finished product.

Mr. Lundblad, 155 Lakeview, represented the applicant. Mr. Lundblad gave a brief overview of the project.

Ms. Horch asked whether erosion controls will be implemented. Mr. Lundblad stated yes, fencing and hay bales will be used where necessary. Ms. Horch asked whether there will be stock piles of millings. Mr. Lundblad stated no stock piles. The millings will be brought in as needed.

Ms. Salling noted the railroad ties on the Robinson property are starting to deteriorate. Mr. Lundblad stated they will not be using railroad ties, boulders will be used instead.

Mr. Jackson asked how wide will the path be. Mr. Lundblad stated 10-ft wide at first, but will become narrower over the years due to the overgrowth of vegetation.

Ms. Horch asked when the project will start. Mr. Lundblad stated this year.

Ms. Horch asked whether there is a staging plan. Mr. Lundblad stated they are not clearing the whole site at one time. It will be cleared a little at a time.

Mr. Jackson asked whether there will be additional plantings. Mr. Lundblad stated yes, they are using a native wildflower seed mix.

Mr. Jackson asked the Commission whether an engineer's report will be needed. Ms. Salling stated no because after seeing the neighbor's property the burden has been met. Also, the Commission has a better understanding of the use of the path and is reassured it will not be used as a road.

With no further discussion Mr. Jackson moved to approve Application IW #23-05 by David Basak-Smith, property located at 71 Lakeview Terrace, with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Topography Survey 71 Lakeview Terrace dated received May 25, 2023 and all supporting documents. Ms. Kurose seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting of June 14, 2023

The Commission found no substantive errors. Mr. McCabe moved to accept the minutes from June 14, 2023. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor. Ms. Horch and Ms. Kurose abstained. The minutes from June 14, 2023 were approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

IW Application #23-15 by Debbie Malin, property located at 219 Hattertown Road, for a pond dredging.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Horch asked whether the Commission is allowed to modify the wetland regulations. Ms. Horch specifically spoke about requiring an engineer's report. The Commission had a discussion regarding future meetings in the fall to review the regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Ms. Horch moved to adjourn. Ms. Kurose seconded. All in favor. The IWC Meeting of June 28, 2023 was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Fried*