

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

April 25, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting Rm #3, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

These Minutes are subject to approval by the Inland Wetland Commission

**Present:** Sharon Salling, Scott Jackson, Craig Ferris, Kendall Horch

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

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS**

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

Mr. Edward Lundblad, 155 Lakeview, spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Lundblad stated the applicant would like to create an accessway from the house to the lake. At this time the area is too steep to drive. Mr. Lundblad described the hillside as having two years of natural growth. The proposed accessway would be 8 to 10 ft. wide and surfaced with millings.

Ms. Salling asked how the soil will be dug up. Mr. Lundblad stated by hand because the hillside is too steep for machinery.

Mr. Lundblad stated there will be minimal disturbance. The project will be terraced with approximately nine stairs connecting each level. French drains with crushed stone will be installed for drainage and boulders will be used to brace the hill. Mr. Lundblad stated it was "common sense engineering".

Ms. Horch confirmed the rain would travel through the millings. Mr. Lundblad stated yes the millings will not have an asphalt top coat.

Mr. Jackson asked when the project will begin and how long will it take. Mr. Lundblad stated they would like to start mid-May and it will take approximately one month.

Ms. Salling stated typically the IWC does not approve a project of this nature without professional input. Ms. Horch concurred.

Mr. Lundblad stated the accessway would be large enough for quads and small jeeps to deliver materials to the waterfront.

Ms. Horch stated the accessway is more of a driveway than a pathway. Ms. Salling stated the cuts are dramatic.

Ms. Salling stated she was impressed with Mr. Lundblad's knowledge but has concerns the area is sensitive and needs protecting. Ms. Salling requested a professional engineer's report as well as having an engineer on-site to monitor the project. Ms. Horch and Mr. Ferris agreed and did not feel comfortable voting on this application without an engineer's plan.

The Commission would like the engineer's report to include land countours, calculations for the impervious surfaces, proposed grading, erosion control plan, and a plan for the stabilization of the soils.

IW Application #23-05 by David & Molly Basak-Smith will be CONTINUED to the next regularly scheduled IWC meeting on May 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

**IW Application #23-07 by Kevin Grover**, property located at 10 Ox Hill Road for pond dredging.

Mr. John Madzula, 40 Main Street, represented the applicant, Kevin Grover. Mr. Madzula explained that Mr. Grover received a wetland permit for pond dredging 10 years ago but the permit has since expired.

Mr. Grover explained that Ox Hill Road is a dirt road without catch basins. The runoff from the road goes directly into the pond creating buildup from sediment and silt. Mr. Grover dredges the pond when necessary, usually once or twice a year. The last time the pond was dredged was last spring.

Mr. Grover has planted grass to stabilize the slopes around the pond and has installed silt fences as needed. There are also silt fences around the dirt stockpile.

There are two outlets in the pond which lead to a stream and second smaller pond. Ms. Horch asked will the smaller pond be droued if the larger pond is low. Mr. Grover answered no, the smaller pond has its own natural flows and retention.

Ms. Salling asked what can be done permanently to help alleviate annual dredgings. Mr. Madzula stated a solution would be the installation of storm drains and catch basins on Ox Hill Road. Mr. Grover has spoken to the Town several times but nothing has been done. Ms. Salling stated there must be a tactical solution, the Town has resolved similar problems in other locations.

Mr. Jackson asked when the next dredging is planned. Mr. Grover stated he will do a "mini-dredge" now and a major dredge after a storm event.

The new permit will be good for five years.

With no additional questions or comments, Mr. Ferris moved to approve Application IW #23-07 by Kevin Grover, property located at 10 Ox Hill Road for pond dredging, with standard conditions A, B,

C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Pond Drawing Cross Section dated January 4, 2012 and all supporting documents. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### Regular Meeting of April 12, 2023

The Commission found no substantive errors. Mr. Ferris moved to accept the minutes from April 12, 2023. Ms. Horch seconded. All in favor. The minutes from April 12, 2023 were approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Salling asked if there was any news on Holly Lane. Ms. Horch walked the site and noticed the upper swale had not been created yet. Ms. Horch also noted the sediment basins were very full. Ms. Horch asked if weekly reports were still being submitted. Ms. Fried will forward the most recent report to the Commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business, Ms. Horch moved to adjourn. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor. The Special IWC Meeting of April 25, 2023 was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn Fried*