

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of January 24, 2018 at 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, Mike McCabe, Suzanne Guidera, Kristen Hammar, John Davin

**Absent:** Craig Ferris

**Staff Present:** Steve Maguire, Senior Land Use Enforcement Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

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

**PENDING APPLICATION**

**Application #17-28 by Ralph Pasquarella**, property located at 24 Valley Field Road South, for pond dredging, pond creation and brush clearing.

The applicant, Ralph Pasquarella, gave an overview of his revisions. Mr. Pasquarella relocated the chicken coops outside of the wetland areas. The Commission thanked Mr. Pasquarella for giving consideration to the Commission's concerns and for revising the narrative summary and site plans.

Mr. Maguire stated that a by-pass method for the pond water is not necessary if done during dry periods. Mr. Maguire also stated that if Mr. Pasquarella is not going to diligently maintain the invasives then it would be better to leave the invasives untouched rather than try to eradicate.

Mr. McCabe moved to approve Application #17-28 by Ralph Pasquarella, property located at 24 Valley Field Road South, for pond dredging, pond creation and brush clearing with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, and P. The approved plans are: Repair of Subsurface sewage Disposal System, 24 Valley Field Road South, Dated January 23, 2012, Dated Received January 24, 2018 and all supporting documents. Additionally: Due to stormwater influence on this wetland system the pond dredging shall be done during low flow periods as directed by Land Use staff. No clearing of vegetation shall take place in wetlands not related to pond areas. Ms. Guidera seconded. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 10, 2018**

Under "Pending Application" change "switch back" to "switchback". Under "Application #17-28" change "free standing" to "free-standing". Mr. McCabe moved to accept the amended minutes from January 10, 2018. Ms. Guidera seconded. All in favor. The minutes from January 10, 2018 were approved.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Maguire reminded the Commission of the Public Hearing for IW Application #17-27 by 79 Church Hill Road, LLC, property located at 79 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT for regulated activities associated with the construction of 224 multi-family residential dwellings and approximately 55,360 sq. ft. of commercial space within a regulated area on February 14, 2018 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Inland Wetland Commission at 7:30 pm at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center.
- Mr. Maguire will forward information on an upcoming inland wetland conference in March.
- Ms. Salling would like to move forward with new commissioners and will invite any prospective commissioners to IWC meetings. Mr. Maguire will reach out to Sue Marcinek in the First Selectmen's office regarding new commissioners.

## ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS

**Application #18-01 by Michael Burton**, property located at 10-22 Washington Avenue, for construction of eleven buildings and associated parking, drainage and utilities.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Davin moved to adjourn. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor. The meeting of January 24, 2018 was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried, Clerk.*