

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 14, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

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These Minutes are subject to Approval by the Inland Wetland Commission

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**Present:** Sharon Salling, Craig Ferris, Kendall Horch, Megan Thorn

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

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

**PENDING APPLICATION**

**Application IW #21-14 by Town of Newtown**, property located on Meadow Brook Road, to replace an existing culvert and to widen and realign the road.

Ron Bolmer, Engineer for the Town of Newtown, gave an overview of the project. Mr. Bolmer explained this project was previously approved by the Inland Wetlands Commission in 2014, but the IW permit had expired.

Mr. Bolmer stated the only difference from the previous IW permit is that an open-bottom culvert will be used in lieu of a full-box culvert. The three-sided, open-bottom culvert is made of precast concrete. The open-bottom culvert will be more beneficial. It will allow the stream to maintain its natural flow as well as leave the stream bed undisturbed for existing habitats. The open-bottom culvert will replace the rotted, failing arch pipe.

Mr. Bolmer explained the improvements made to the road will make it wider and safer.

The project has gone through Army Corps of Engineers. Erosion controls will be put into place with silt fencing and hay bales.

Ms. Salling questioned how long the project would take. Mr. Bolmer stated the project is delayed until next year. He estimated the project will be sent out to bid summer of 2022. The project should take between 2 to 3 months once started.

Mr. Ferris moved to approve **Application IW #21-14 by Town of Newtown**, property located on Meadow Brook Road, with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O & P. The approved plans are: "Town of Newtown Meadow Brook Road Bridge over the Pootatuck River Plan and Profile" dated April 30, 2021, dated received June 21, 2021. Ms. Thorn seconded. All in favor.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Special Meeting of June 16, 2021**

The Commission found no substantive errors. Ms. Horch moved to accept the minutes from June 16, 2021. Mr. Ferris seconded. The minutes from June 16, 2021 were approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Commission discussed a candidate for the Inland Wetland Commission, Saverio (Sam) Sorrentino. The Commission read Mr. Sorrentino's email and resume and appreciated his enthusiasm. Ms. Thorn moved to accept Mr. Sorrentino as an IW Commissioner. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business, Ms. Horch moved to adjourn. Ms. Thorn seconded. All in favor. The meeting of July 14, 2021 was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried*