

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Special Meeting

MINUTES

June 1, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Room #3, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

These Minutes are subject to approval by the Inland Wetland Commission

Present: Sharon Salling, Mike McCabe, Scott Jackson, Suzanne Guidera

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

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

The Commission had a lengthy discussion on whether or not to hold a public hearing on a newly submitted IWC application, property located at 19 Commerce Road, to construct a self-storage facility. Mr. Maguire gave an overview of the application and stated Tom Brook runs through the property. Tom Brook is a full-year running stream. Mr. Maguire stated this is a well-known stream with a trout population.

In 2021, Mr. Maguire had issued a short form application on the same property to fill and grade the upland area. Mr. Maguire stated the current application has no direct impact to wetlands, however the limit of disturbance is 5 to 10 feet from the edge of the wetlands.

Ms. Salling had a discussion on whether to base the public hearing on:

- public interest on the wetlands, or
- public interest on the overall application.

Ms. Salling stated her goal has always been to have a fair and relevant interpretation of the regulations which is good for everyone.

Mr. McCabe stated he generally agrees with Ms. Salling and feels a public hearing would be inclusive.

Mr. Jackson agrees, as well, and stated having a public hearing would give the public a chance to voice their opinions.

Ms. Guidera pointed out that other groups, like environmentalists, could be interested in Tom Brook and a public hearing would give them an opportunity to speak.

Mr. McCabe moved that due to potential public interest and potential impact on wetlands or watercourses, a public hearing will be held for a property located on 19 Commerce Road, during a

Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Ms. Guidera seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Jackson moved to adjourn. Ms. Guidera seconded. All in favor. The Special IWC Meeting of June 1, 2022 was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried