

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

December 15, 2022 @ 7:30 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, Craig Ferris, Mike McCabe, Scott Jackson, Kendall Horch

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

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

**PENDING APPLICATIONS**

**IW Application #22-26 by Pedro Valentin**, property located at 182 Boggs Hill Road, for the removal of fill and mitigation of wetlands.

Tabled to the next IWC Meeting on January 11, 2023.

**IW Application #22-28 by James W. Wright**, property located at 13 Tamarack Road, for pond dredging.

Mr. Wright gave an overview of his property and the pond. Mr. Wright described the pond as once being a healthy pond where he could boat and fish. He stated over time the pond became silted. He would like the pond to return back to its original state.

Mr. Wright stated the dredged material will stay on site and will be used on the lower part of his yard. He would like to bring the grade up. Ms. Salling asked how much material will be dredged. Mr. Wright stated he received an estimate from Norm Nagy that approximately 700 cubic yards of fill will be removed.

Mr. McCabe asked if a contractor will be hired and if an excavating machine will be used. Mr. Wright stated yes they will hire a contractor and the excavating machine should be able to reach into the pond from the water's edge.

Mr. Wright stated the pond is the lowest point on Tamarack Road.

Mr. Ferris and Ms. Salling agreed the front yard was a good spot to place the spoils.

Ms. Maisonet asked if there was a maintenance plan. Mr. Wright stated after the silt is removed the water will remain clean. Also, there is no diversion plan because there are no streams connected to the pond.

Mr. McCabe moved to approve Application #IW 22-28 by James W. Wright with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Newtown GIS Map dated received November 11, 2022 and pond cross section and dredging narrative dated receive November 11, 2022. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### Regular Meeting of November 9, 2022

The Commission found no substantive errors. Ms. Horch moved to accept the minutes from November 9, 2022. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor. The minutes from November 9, 2022 were approved.

### Special Meeting of December 6, 2022

Change "2:00 a.m." to "2:00 p.m." Mr. Jackson moved to accept the amended minutes from December 6, 2022. Ms. Salling seconded. All in favor. Mr. Ferris, Ms. Horch and Mr. McCabe abstained. The minutes from December 6, 2022 were approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Vote on IWC Calendar for 2023.

Mr. McCabe moved to accept the IWC Schedule of Meetings for 2023. Ms. Horch seconded. All in favor.

### Vote on Slate of Officers.

Ms. Salling briefly discussed the process for voting for officers. The Commission agreed to vote at the next meeting since all of the Commissioners were not in attendance. Ms. Salling, Mr. Ferris and Mr. McCabe stated they would be happy to stay on the slate but if anyone has an interest they would gladly accept that offer as well. If a Commissioner has an interest in being added to the slate please reach out to Ms. Salling by email or cell.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS**

**IW Application #22-30 by Fiat Islami**, property located at 123 Hanover Road, for the construction of a single family house has been accepted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business, Ms. Horch moved to adjourn. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor. The Regular IWC Meeting of December 15, 2022 was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried*