

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

September 13, 2023 @ 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, Scott Jackson, Mike McCabe, Craig Ferris, Suzanne Guidera

Staff Present: Steve Maguire, Deputy Director of Land Use, Dawn Fried, Clerk

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

PENDING APPLICATION

Application IW #23-20 by Yilson Guzman, property located at 150 Berkshire Road, to remove fill and restore wetland.

Mr. Guzman, the applicant, stated he had recently purchased 150 Berkshire Road and did not realize there were wetlands on the property. He inadvertently added eight yards of fill on top of the wetlands to level out the yard. Mr. Guzman stated he will remediate the property by removing the fill with an excavator and spreading the spoils in the upland area. His goal is to have the wetlands return back to its original vegetative state. Mr. Guzman would like to start next week. It will take approximately one day to complete.

The Commission requested that staff inspect the property after the fill has been removed.

With no further discussion, Mr. McCabe moved to APPROVE Application IW# 23-20 by Yilson Guzman, property located at 150 Berkshire Road, with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. With the following additional condition: Fill shall be excavated to original grade and be inspected by a Land Use Enforcement Officer. The approved plans are: Improvement Location Survey Parcel B 150 Berkshire Road dated received August 4, and all supporting documents. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 9, 2023

The Commission found no substantive errors. Mr. Jackson moved to accept the minutes from August 9, 2023. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor. Ms. Guidera abstained. The minutes from August 9, 2023 were approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS

IW #23-22 by Charles Toth, property located at 13 Point O' Rocks Road, to backfill a trench and create an accessway onto the property.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Maguire and the Commission had a general discussion regarding updating the Inland Wetland Regulations. Mr. Maguire would like to refine the regulations over the next few months.

Items for the Commission to review and discuss:

- short form application and process
- long form check list
- required reports for submission
- post construction reports
- comparison of other towns
- schedule of fees
- required fines and bonds

Mr. Maguire recommended changing the time of the IWC meeting from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. He stated this would be in line with the P&Z Commission. Ms. Salling stated if the Commission accepts the new time, it would be implemented at the start of the new year. The Commission will finish the discussion at the next IWC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Jackson moved to adjourn. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor. The IWC Meeting of September 13, 2023 was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried