

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 14, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Room 3, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

These Minutes are subject to approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Sharon Salling, Scott Jackson, Craig Ferris, Mike McCabe

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

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATION

IW Application #23-05 by David Basak-Smith, property located at 71 Lakeview Terrace, to construct a sloped accessway from the property to the waterfront by decreasing the grade.

Ms. Salling gave an overview of the Commission's prior concerns which were the swales, cuts, topography and the lack of an engineer's plan. Ms. Salling pointed out the newly submitted plans were well done but they were not done by an engineer, they were done by a surveyor. Mr. Ferris stated the surveyor's plan has map contours but not the "as-built" map contours found on an engineer's plan.

The Commission tele-conferenced Mr. Lundblad by phone. Mr. Ferris asked whether stairs will be used around the curves and what the grades will be. Mr. Ferris was concerned with the first curve closest to the house. Mr. Lundblad stated there will not be stairs. The grade will be safe enough for a golf cart at a maximum slope of 15 degrees. Mr. Ferris calculated the numbers and came up with a 3 to 1 slope ratio.

Mr. Lundblad explained this project is purely for pleasure and the walkway will only be used for golf carts and walking. The path will be made of millings. Mr. Lundblad didn't obtain an engineer due to the excessive cost.

Ms. Salling appreciated Mr. Lundblad's intentions but the Commission's purview is protecting the wetlands. Mr. Lundblad invited the Commissioners to visit other completed projects with the same operator. Since the Commission did not feel comfortable voting without an engineer's plan, they concurred it would be best to revisit the site as well as go to a similar property with the same operator.

Site visits will be coordinated for the Commissioners.

IW Application #23-05 by David Basak-Smith will be CONTINUED to the next regularly scheduled IWC meeting on June 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 24, 2023

The Commission found no substantive errors. Mr. Ferris moved to accept the minutes from May 24, 2023. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor. The minutes from May 24, 2023 were approved.

Special Meeting of April 25, 2023

The Commission found no substantive errors. Mr. Ferris moved to accept the minutes from April 25, 2023. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor. The minutes from April 25, 2023 were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Maisonet informed the Commission of a courtesy letter received by Algonquin Gas Companies stating they are doing maintenance on the pipe lines along the Housatonic River.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Jackson moved to adjourn. Mr. Ferris seconded. All in favor. The Special IWC Meeting of June 14, 2023 was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Fried*