

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

October 12, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

These Minutes are subject to approval by the Inland Wetland Commission

Present: Mike McCabe, Scott Jackson, Stephanie Kurose, Kendall Horch

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

Mr. McCabe opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATION

IW Application #22-23 by Riverside on Lake Zoar Assoc. Inc., property located at 49 Alpine Drive, for the construction of two sediment basins within a brook and the installation of concrete pavers for a boat ramp.

Alan Shepard, Civil Engineer, NOK Associates, Inc., 415 Howe Ave., Shelton, CT and Kevin Shepard, Applicant, Bankside Trail, Newtown, CT, gave an overview of the application. Kevin Shepard serves as President of the Riverside on Lake Zoar Association (ROLZA), which represents the neighborhood. Kevin Shepard is a lifetime resident of Newtown.

Kevin Shepard explained the objective of the project is to create two sediment ponds in the stream to collect sediment and silt that come from the local and state roads. The cleaner water will be beneficial for swimming and launching boats. Mr. Shepard would like the water to be back to its pristine state, as it was in the 1970's.

ROLZA relies on income from membership fees. Most of the income comes from the boat launch. ROLZA would like to appease the members and continue to be a successful association.

ROLZA has obtained a permit from First Light to construct the sediment basins. First Light recommended the project be done annually or when needed.

Mr. Shepard explained that 2 layers of blocks will be used for the machines to cross over the hard panned soil. Substantial boulders will line the bank for protection from erosion.

Mr. Shepard would like this project to benefit the generations to come.

Mr. Clark asked what the log planks are used for. Mr. Shepard responded the log planks will be used for the excavator to ride on. The planks will be removed when completed.

The dewatering pile will be brought off site.

Ms. Horch voiced concerns with the dock being too close to the project. Kevin Shepard stated he owns the dock and is okay with it being too close.

Mr. Shepard feels strongly that this project is great for the community and he supports the families that don't have waterfront properties.

Mr. Jackson asked when the project will start. Kevin Shepard stated as soon as they can. They only have ten days for the lake drawdown. The project will be completed in 3 to 4 days.

Mr. Shepard mentioned the blocks are being donated and they are very appreciative.

Mr. Maguire asked about the spillway wall. Mr. Shepard stated 2 or 3 blocks will be stacked up with a sizeable riprap.

Ms. Horch moved to approve **IW Application #22-23 by Riverside on Lake Zoar Assoc. Inc.**, property located at 49 Alpine Drive, with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O & P.

The approved plans are: Compilation Plan prepared for Riverside on Lake Zoar Association, 49 Alpine Drive Inc, dated April 2, 2018, Compilation Plan prepared for Riverside on Lake Zoar Association, 49 Alpine Drive Inc, dated January 5, 2022 and all supporting documents. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 28, 2022

Page 2, change "pan" to "plan". Mr. Jackson moved to accept the amended minutes from September 28, 2022. Ms. Kurose seconded. All in favor. Ms. Horch abstained. The minutes from September 28, 2022 were approved.

Regular Meeting of August 24, 2022

The Commission found no substantive errors. Ms. Horch moved to accept the minutes from August 24, 2022. Mr. Jackson seconded. All in favor. The minutes from August 24, 2022 were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vote to endorse the abandonment of Newtown Forest Practices Regulation.

Mr. Maguire explained that Newtown's current regulations do not comply with the State's Forest Practices regulations. The State will continue the oversight of the Forest Practices' regulations, as well as issue the permits. After a brief discussion, Ms. Horch moved to endorse the abandonment of Newtown Forest Practices Regulations. Mr. Clark seconded. All in favor.

CAICWC Conference

Mr. Maguire reminded the Commission of the CAICWC Conference coming later in October. At this time Mr. McCabe and Mr. Maguire are signed up.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Ms. Horch moved to adjourn. Ms. Kurose seconded. All in favor. The Regular IWC Meeting of October 12, 2022 was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried