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**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX MEETING ROOM, 57 MAIN ST, ELLINGTON, CT**

**IN-PERSON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIMITED DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS
AND ZOOM MEETING ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Chairman Ken Braga, and Steve Hoffman; Present via ZOOM meeting: Art Aube, Hocine Baouche and Alternate Francis Hann

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Ron Brown, Jean Burns and Katherine Heminway

STAFF

PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Present via ZOOM meeting: Barbra Galovich, Land Use Assistant/Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ken Braga called the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): **None**

III. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. IW202105 – Patrick & Jenna McDermott, owner/ James Holden, applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to relocate a wetland at 30 Ellsworth Lane, APN 118-004-0001.

Time: 7:09 pm

Seated: Braga, Hoffman, Aube, Baouche, and Hann

Jim Holden, 20 Griswold Road and Jenna McDermott, 30 Ellsworth Lane were present to represent the application. Mr. Holden reviewed the map provided by George Logan of REMA Ecological Services, LLC, which was provided with Mr. Logan's letter dated April 7, 2021. He noted the owners would like to relocate the wetland area from the current location to the proposed location farther to the rear of the property as noted on the plan. Chairman Braga expressed he would like the owner to provide a wetland replication at a 2:1 ratio, creating a total area of 3,840 square feet. Mr. Holden felt as though increasing the wetland replication area size could be accomplished.

Chairman Braga asked if the yard will gradually slope or be flat to the new wetlands area. Mr. Holden stated they would like to fill approximately to the existing wetland area to create a more gradual slope from the existing pool. He said they will seed grass in the areas of disturbance and use a wetland seed mix in the new proposed wetlands area. Mrs. McDermott added they would like the wetlands further back on the property in order to have more grass area and lessen the slope of their backyard. She expects the area at the bottom of the slope to be grassed and usable for the family.

Commissioner Hoffman inquired about North Central District Health Department's (NCDHD) comments. Mr. Holden stated he is working with NCDHD to address their concerns. Mr. Colonese said they will need approval from NCDHD prior to the start of the project and the 50 foot setback requirement from the septic system to the wetlands will need to be addressed. The map submitted by REMA Ecological Services, LLC shows the 50 foot distance as required. Conditions of approval were reviewed by the Agency members and shared with the applicant and owner.

No one from the public commented on the application.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY FOR IW202105.

MOVED (BRAGA) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR IW202105.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS IW202105 – Patrick & Jenna McDermott, owner/ James Holden, applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity to relocate a wetland at 30 Ellsworth Lane, APN 118-004-0001. FINDING THAT A FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT EXIST.

Conditions of Approval:

1. Approval based on Rema Ecological Services LLC Wetland Relocation/Replication report dated March 5, 2021 and April 7, 2021.
2. Silt fence shall be installed then inspected by the Wetlands Agent prior to activity, and remain fully operational until the site is stabilized.
3. Subject to compliance with Health Department requirements.
4. Provide wetland replication at a ratio of 2:1, creating a wetland replication area of 3,840 square feet.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IW201803 – Cathy Pinard owner/applicant, request for modification to a permit to conduct regulated activity for a deck expansion at the lake's edge and site improvements associated the demolition and reconstruction of a single family home at 12 East Shore Road, APN 149-098-0000.

Mr. Colonese gave a brief description of the request for modification to an existing permit.

BY CONSENSUS, THE AGENCY DECIDED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 10, 2021, 7:00 PM FOR IW201803 – Cathy Pinard owner/applicant, request for modification to a permit to conduct regulated activity for a deck expansion at the lake’s edge and site improvements associated the demolition and reconstruction of a single family home at 12 East Shore Road, APN 149-098-0000.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (AUBE) SECONDED (BAOUCHE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

- a. Notice of DEEP Permit Application Oakridge Dairy LLC for Wastewater Discharges from Agricultural Activity.

Mr. Colonese stated the Planning Department received notice of the application for Oakridge Dairy. He said the application is a requirement of the Department of Energy and Environment Protection for waste water discharges from agricultural activities to the waters of the state. The application includes a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP), an improved Bunk Silo Leachate Control System and a proposed Anaerobic Digester and renewable Natural Gas facility to treat their manure stream.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 12, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk