INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT  
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: VIA ZOOM MEETING, INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BELOW

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items):

III. PUBLIC HEARING(S):
   1. IW202115 – 74 West Road LLC, owner/applicant, request for a wetlands map amendment at 74 West Road, APN 028-002-0000.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

V. NEW BUSINESS:

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
   1. Approval of the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   2. Correspondence/Discussion:
      a. CT DEEP – Notice of tentative decision for a permit to discharge into the waters of the state for Oakridge Dairy, LLC.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2022

Instructions to attend remotely via Zoom Meeting listed below. The agenda is posted on the Town’s webpage (www.ellington-ct.gov) under Agenda & Minutes, Inland Wetlands Agency.

Join Zoom Meeting:  
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85624704588
Meeting ID: 856 2470 4588  
Passcode: 152888

Dial by your location:  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
Meeting ID: 856 2470 4588  
Passcode: 152888

COMMISSIONERS: TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING QUORUMS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A SCHEDULED MEETING.
Town of Ellington
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Application

Application # IW202115
Date Submitted 12/9/2021

Notices associated with this application will be sent to the applicant unless otherwise requested.

Owner’s Information
Name: 74 West Road, LLC
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 200
Ellington, CT 06029
Email: cory@ellingtonagway.com

Primary Contact Phone #: 860-875-3355

Notices associated with this application will be sent to the applicant unless otherwise requested.

Applicant’s Information (if different than owner)
Name: same
Mailing Address:
Email:

WHEN NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAIL NOTICE BY USPS, MAY NOTICES BE EMAILED TO YOU? □ Yes □ No
Primary Contact Phone #:

Secondary Contact Phone #:
Owner’s Signature: __________________________ Date: 12/9/21
By signing below I certify that all information submitted with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, that I am aware of and understand the application requirements and regulations, and acknowledge that the application is to be considered complete only when all information and documents required by the Agency have been submitted. Moreover, by signing above I agree to provide written consent to the filing of the application and access to the site by the Agency or its staff.

Secondary Contact Phone #:
Applicant’s Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________
By signing below I certify that all information submitted with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, that I am aware of and understand the application requirements and regulations, and acknowledge that the application is to be considered complete only when all information and documents required by the Agency have been submitted.

Street Address: 74 West Road
Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN): 028-002-0000

Proposed upland review area affected in square feet: none

Proposed wetlands/watercourses affected in square feet and linear feet (as applicable): none

Total area of wetlands/watercourses on parcel in square feet or acres: 6,150 sq.ft.

Public Water: □ Yes □ No  Public Sewer: □ Yes □ No If not served by public water and sewer, applicant shall make application to North Central District Health Department (Enfield Office) if required.

Is the project in a public water supply watershed area? □ Yes □ No
If YES, applicant is required to notify the Connecticut Water Company and Commissioner of Public Health by certified mail, return receipt within 7 days of this application (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 22a-42f). Copy of application, plans, and supporting documents must accompany notice. Applicant can email the Commissioner of Public Health using their approved form. Proof of notice (return receipt and sent email) must be provided to the Planning Department.

Describe the nature of proposed regulated activity, request for acceptance of a permitted use as of right or a nonregulated use, map or regulation amendment, or other activity requiring review by the Agency or its Agent: See attached Application Checklist and Appendix D for guidance when preparing application

Map Amendment: This application proposes to amend the Town's wetland map based on a field delineation of the wetlands on this property by a Certified Soil Scientist in November of 2021. The included survey depicts the location of the field delineated wetland boundary and the wetland boundary as depicted on the Town's official map.
Applicant shall provide certification in accordance with Wetlands Regulation, Section 7.4e, Application Requirements:

Whether or not any portion of the property on which the regulated activity is proposed is located within 500 feet of an adjoining town. □ Yes  □ No

Whether or not a significant portion of the traffic to the completed project will use streets within an adjoining town to exit or enter the site. □ Yes  □ No

Whether or not a significant portion of the sewer or water drainage from the project will flow through and significantly impact the sewer or water drainage system of an adjoining town. □ Yes  □ No

Whether water run-off from the improved site will impact streets or other municipal/private property within an adjoining town. □ Yes  □ No

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
If YES to any of the above, the Agency shall, in accordance with CGS 8-7d(f) notify the clerk of any adjoining municipality of the pendency of any application, petition, appeal, request or plan concerning any project on any site. Notice of the pendency of such application shall be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be mailed within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of the application, petition, appeal, request or plan. (See Agency requirements Section 8.4)

Type of Project: (check one)

□ Commercial/Industrial  □ Residential  □ Mixed Use  □ Timber  □ Agricultural
□ Other, explain: ________________________________

Type of Application: (check one)

□ Notification for Non-Regulated Use (Section 4.2)
□ Notification of Permitted Use as of Right (Section 4.1)
□ Administrative Permit (Section 6.4)
□ Agency Permit (TWELVE COPIES REQUIRED)
□ Permit Modification
□ Permit Extension
□ Regulation Amendment
□ Map Amendment
□ Appeal of Administrative Permit

Application Submittals:

□ Completed Application Form (Section 7.4a)
□ Application Fee (Section 7.4b)
□ Abutters List (Section 7.4c)
□ Certification as to Adjacent Towns (See above)
□ Certification as to Connecticut Water Company & Commissioner of Public Health (See above)
□ Notification Narrative and Supporting Documentation (If applicable, Appendix D)
□ Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation (Section 7.4g, 1-11 inclusive, as deemed applicable)
□ Project Site Plan - circle one: Administrative (Section 7.4h1) / Agency (Section 7.4h2)
□ Supplemental Information (Section 7.5a-j, inclusive, as deemed applicable)
I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ken Braga called the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. IW202114 – James Laughlan, owner/ Frank’s Landscape Construction, LLC, applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of a patio at 7 Crystal Ball Court, APN 148-071-0007.

   Time: 7:02 pm

   Seated: Braga, Burns, Heminway, Aube, Baouche and Hann

   Dustyn Nelson, Frank’s Landscape Construction, LLC, 27 Field Road, Somers, CT was present to represent the application.

   Mr. Nelson stated as a follow up to last month’s discussion with the Agency, the owner has agreed to move the proposed patio back, beginning ten feet from the edge of the lake. They are planning to remove the existing deck and replace it with pervious pavers for a patio which will be farther from the lake than the existing deck. He noted they will add beach sand from the edge of the new patio towards the lake to match what is currently around the existing deck.
Commissioner Aube asked about the construction of the patio, his main concern was how the construction of the patio will address the water runoff to the lake, and he asked if a wall was being proposed. Mr. Nelson explained how the patio will be constructed, referencing the site plan, photos, and patio construction drawing. He noted that the pervious pavers will be set at the existing grade of the yard and restraint curb pavers will be installed along the edge of the patio closest to the lake. Mr. Nelson added that a wall is not proposed and the intention is to have water infiltrate between the pavers.

No one from the public commented on the application.

MOVED (HEMINWAY) SECONDED (BURNS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A NON-SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY FOR IW202114.

Chairman Braga reviewed a possible condition of approval requiring erosion control measures to be installed then inspected by the wetlands agent prior to activity, and remain fully operational until the site is stabilized. Mr. Nelson agreed with the condition as noted.

MOVED (BAOUCHE) SECONDED (BURNS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR IW202114.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (BAOUCHE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE WITH CONDITION FOR IW202114 – James Laughlan, owner/ Frank’s Landscape Construction, LLC, applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of a patio at 7 Crystal Ball Court, APN 148-071-0007.

Condition of Approval:
1) Erosion control measures shall be installed then inspected by the wetlands agent prior to activity, and remain fully operational until the site is stabilized.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IW202115 – 74 West Road, LLC, owner/applicant, request for a wetlands map amendment at 74 West Road, APN 028-002-0000.

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECEIVE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2022 FOR IW202115 - 74 West Road, LLC, owner/applicant, request for a wetlands map amendment at 74 West Road, APN 028-002-0000.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.
MOVED (BAOUCHE) SECONDED (BURNS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

a. 79 Kibbe Road – Timber harvest update

Mr. Colonese spoke with Rick Zulick, Soil Scientist/Forester, on December 1, 2021 and Mr. Zulick stated the timber harvest started and the plan is appropriate. Mr. Colonese told the Agency he inspected on December 3, 2021 and observed the brook crossing installed and functioning correctly. He said he would inspect the second smaller stream crossing which Mr. Zulick told him had been recently installed. The Agency requested that Mr. Colonese continue to check on the harvest.

b. Crystal Ridge Open Space Parcel – Trails

Mr. Colonese stated a representative of the Trails Committee stopped by the Planning Department to discuss the site as it relates to wetlands. This parcel is Town-owned open space and has existing trails. The Trails Committee is looking to add a gate to the trail entrance near the beginning of Crystal Ridge Drive and lay down a wooden bridge to cross a stream. They also plan to add a few benches along the trail. The Agency requested that Mr. Colonese work with the Trails Committee on these smaller projects where it pertains to wetlands.

c. 14 Private Grounds Road – Minor maintenance behind existing wall

Mr. Colonese noted a contractor for the project stopped by the Planning Department proposing minor maintenance behind an existing wall at the edge of the lake. They plan to dig out a 6’ x 6’ section of yard a few feet down to add stone and fabric behind the wall section then replace the grass on top. This type of maintenance can be considered an incidental use permitted as of right per the regulations. Mr. Colonese also met with the contractor on site to review the plan. The Agency did not have any questions about the request.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (BURNS) SECONDED (HEMINWAY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION
INTENT TO ISSUE A STATE PERMIT AND A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE
FOLLOWING DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

TENTATIVE DECISION
The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a tentative decision to issue a permit based on an application submitted by Oakridge Dairy, LLC ("the applicant") under section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a permit to discharge into the waters of the state.

In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the Commissioner has made a tentative decision that the proposed system to treat the discharge will protect the waters of the state from pollution and the Commissioner proposes to issue a permit for the discharges to the surface and groundwaters in the Broad Brook watershed.

The proposed permit, if issued by the Commissioner, will require the proper management and treatment of agricultural waste, agricultural wastewater, digestate, and stormwater from all production areas to meet applicable effluent requirements.

APPLICANT’S PROPOSAL
Oakridge Dairy, LLC proposes to discharge stormwater associated with its existing dairy farm operation and manure handling systems to the surface and groundwaters in the Broad Brook watershed.

The name and mailing address of the permit applicant are:
Oakridge Dairy, LLC
76 Jobs Hill Road
Ellington, CT 06029

The proposed discharge activities will take place at:
The existing dairy farm facilities at 11 and 33 Jobs Hill Road, 115 Meadow Brook Road, and 8 Hoffman Road, Ellington, CT

REGULATORY CONDITIONS

Type of Treatment
Treatment is composed of stormwater detention and retention structures and vegetated treatment areas. In addition, Best Management Practices, including existing and proposed covered manure storage, shall be implemented in accordance with the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan received by the Department on April 9, 2021, and additional documents received September 7, 2021.

Effluent Limitations
This permit contains effluent limitations consistent with Best Available Technology and a Case-by-Case Determination using the criteria of Best Professional Judgement which will protect the waters of the state from pollution when all the conditions of this permit have been met.

Compliance Schedule
This permit contains an enforceable compliance schedule which requires the applicant to submit plans and specifications for an upgrade of the bunk silage leachate and stormwater control system for the feed storage area at the Main Facility, and implementation of the approved plans. The Permittee is also required to submit a comprehensive report documenting the quantities of separated manure solids produced after anaerobic digestion in
excess of bedding needs and other solid manures generated to identify and implement a preferred long term solid manure management practice.

COMMISSIONER’S AUTHORITY
The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection is authorized to approve or deny such permits pursuant to section 402(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251, et. seq. and section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Water Discharge Permit Regulations (section 22a-430-3 and 4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies).

INFORMATION REQUESTS
The application has been assigned the following numbers by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Please use these numbers when corresponding with this office regarding this application.

APPLICATION NO. 202104694 PERMIT ID NO. CT0030801

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from DYMAR Corp, 800 Main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488, (203) 267-1046. Contact person: Mark Lancor melancor@dymarinc.com

The application is available for inspection by contacting Joseph Wettemann (860) 424-3025 or joseph.wettemann@ct.gov, at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 from 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Any interested person may request in writing that his or her name be put on a mailing list to receive notice of intent to issue any permit to discharge to the surface waters of the state. Such request may be for the entire state or any geographic area of the state and shall clearly state in writing the name and mailing address of the interested person and the area for which notices are requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Prior to making a final decision to approve or deny any application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons that are received within 30 days of this public notice. Written comments should be directed via mail to Joseph Wettemann, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 or via email to joseph.wettemann@ct.gov. The Commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving or denying an application if in the Commissioner's discretion the public interest will be best served thereby, and shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. Notice of any public hearing shall be published at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Petitions for a hearing shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this public notice and should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions should also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. In order to facilitate the filing of requests for hearing during the COVID-19 emergency and consistent with the Department’s Temporary Directive, the Office of Adjudications will accept electronically-filed petitions in addition to petitions submitted by mail. Petitions with required signatures may be filed by email to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or mailed to the DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Within thirty (30) days of filing the petition, original petitions that were filed electronically must also be mailed to the Office at the above-noted address. If the original petition exists only in electronic format or signatures were produced using a computer or typewriter, the petition must be submitted with a statement bearing the wet-ink signature of the petitioner that the petition is only available in that format and has been submitted to satisfy the requirement that an original petition be filed. If a hearing is held, timely
notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep. Additional information can be found at www.ct.gov/deep/adjudications.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact Joseph Wettemann at 860-424-3025 or via email at joseph.wettemann@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event.

Oswald Inglese, Jr., Director
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance

November 29, 2021
Date