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INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE: TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET
REMOTE ATTENDANCE: ZOOM MEETING
(ATTENDEES BELOW WERE IN PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Burns, Vice Chairman Katherine Heminway, Regular members Ken Braga, Art Aube, Steve Hoffman and Alternates Jon Kaczmarek and Ryan Orszulak

ABSENT: Regular members Ron Brown and Hocine Baouche

STAFF

PRESENT: John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetland Enforcement Officer and Barbra Galovich, Land Use Assistant/Recording Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jean Burns called the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. IW202309 – John and Joyce Rioux, owner/applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of a pavilion at 34 East Shore Road, APN 169-038-0000.

Time: 7:01 pm

Seated: Burns, Heminway, Braga, Aube, Hoffman, Kaczmarek and Orszulak

John Rioux, 34 East Shore Road was present to represent the application. Mr. Rioux said he is looking to erect a 14' x 20' pavilion approximately 15' from the edge of lake. He stated he will install silt fence to protect the lake from any runoff from the project.

Commissioner Hoffman asked if there will be some type of floor. Mr. Rioux noted they will be installing pavers under the pavilion. Commissioner Hoffman inquired about any utilities to be installed. Mr. Rioux said they will be installing electricity to the pavilion, but no water service will be added.

MOVED (HEMINWAY) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A NON-SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY FOR IW202309.

MOVED (HEMINWAY) SECONDED (BRAGA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR IW202309 – John and Joyce Rioux, owner/applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of a pavilion at 34 East Shore Road, APN 169-038-0000.

MOVED (HOFFMAN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS IW202309 – John and Joyce Rioux, owner/applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the construction of a pavilion at 34 East Shore Road, APN 169-038-0000.

Condition(s):

1. Silt fence shall be installed prior to activity and remain operational until the site is stabilized.
2. Shall comply with the North Central District Health Department approval dated 5/23/2023.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. IW201817 – Matthew and Laura Moser & Martin Hoffman, owner/ Matthew and Laura Moser, applicant, request to transfer, extend to 10 years, and modify permit to include dredging the existing pond at 78 Hoffman Road, APN 120-026-0001 and 80 Hoffman Road, APN 120-026-0005.

Matthew Moser, 403 Buff Cap Road, Tolland, CT was present to represent the application. Mr. Moser stated he and his wife bought the property in May of 2021 and intend on building a house in a couple of years. He stated he would like to dredge the existing man-made pond. The pond extends onto 78 Hoffman Road, which is owned by Martin Hoffman, who agrees with Mr. Moser about cleaning out the pond, which will increase the quality of the aquatic habitat.

Mr. Moser explained the silt fence will be installed, the pond will be dredged to remove the spoils, the spoils will be stockpiled as noted on the plan to dry and will be removed from the site. Commissioner Hoffman asked how deep the pond will be, Mr. Moser stated he plans to dredge to 12 feet in the middle.

Mr. Colonese explained the original permit was approved with conditions on February 11, 2019, and is valid for fourteen (14) years based on a legislative change to the expiration of wetland permits.

Commissioner Braga asked the applicant to contact the Wetlands Agent to inspect the silt fence. Commissioner Aube asked if the pond is spring fed and if any drainage pipes

are currently installed. Mr. Moser said he is unsure if the pond is spring fed and said there are no drainpipes installed.

MOVED (BRAGA) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE IW201817 – Matthew and Laura Moser & Martin Hoffman, owner/ Matthew and Laura Moser, applicant, request to transfer and modify permit to include dredging the existing pond at 78 Hoffman Road, APN 120-026-0001 and 80 Hoffman Road, APN 120-026-0005.

Condition(s):

1. Conditions of February 11, 2019, permit approval shall remain.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the May 8, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (BRAGA) SECONDED (HEMINWAY), (HOFFMAN – ABSTAINED) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

- a. FEMA Workmap Meeting – June 20, 2023.

Mr. Colonese said he plans on attending the meeting on June 20, 2023.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (BRAGA) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 12, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk