

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES  
AUGUST 1 – 7:15PM  
GOSHEN TOWN HALL – 42 NORTH STREET**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Tom Stansfield, Vice Chairman Allen Kinsella, Rick Wadhams, Lorraine Lucas, Ray Turri and Neal White

**OTHERS:** Martin Connor, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM and noted that there is one vacancy on the commission. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

**2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** No business was discussed.

**3. READING OF THE MINUTES:**

June 6, 2019 regular meeting.

**MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Wadhams,** to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting as written. No further discussion. Mr. White abstained. **Motion carries.**

**4. OLD BUSINESS: none**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. James F Johnson V - 134 Hageman Shean Road-Pond Maintenance-Request for Declaratory Ruling for Pond Maintenance under permitted use as of right under Section 4.1A**

Mr. Connor spoke on behalf of the applicant as he was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Connor explained that on April 3, 2014 the original approval of the pond maintenance was granted. The applicant provided a site plan and pond clearing plan for Mr. Connor to reference. The engineer designed a forebay to capture sediment from the stream. After 5 years, it is evident that it is time for the forebay to be cleaned. Mr. Connor suggested the Commission find a declaratory ruling that this is pond maintenance permitted use of right as of section 4.1a of the regulations. Don Finn originally installed the forebay and was present for questions the Commission may have. Discussion followed.

**MOTION Mr. Stansfield, seconded by Mr. Turri,** to find this to be a use permitted as of right under section 4.1a. **Motion carries.**

Motion Mr. Stansfield, second by Mr., Kinsella to amend the agenda to add the following item under New Business:

**B. 42 North Street, SHR Energy Management for a solar array.** Motion carries.

Ken Hrica of Hrica Associates, LLC presented and introduced; Noel H. Lafayette of SHR Energy Management, Attorney Alabasco, and George Logan, Registered Soil Scientist of REMA Ecological Services, LLC. Mr. Hrica stated that there is an 8-24 referral planned for the transfer of land from the Town of Goshen to Regional School District #6 for the installation of the solar array. The solar array planned will be entirely in the wetland area, but this is the only available property for the installation of this project for the Goshen Center School to utilize solar power. The plan is to keep the wetlands viable. The array will be set on piles, any machinery used will have rubber tracks or tires, the intention being to create the least disturbance and damage to the wetlands. The piles are 2-4" square piles that will be driven in by pounding between 6-8' deep. No concrete will be used under the piles. The fencing posts will be driven in by the same manner and the same depth. There is a storm water system running from the State Highway (Rt 4) under the tennis courts and outlets beyond the tennis courts in the wetlands area. A temporary drain pipe will be installed to divert the storm water run off from RT 4 to the back side of the work area. A timber bridge will be installed over the temporary drainage. The access area for the project, will be behind the school, in the playfield area, as to not cause congestion in the parking lot for the town hall and to cause the least

upset to the vegetation and trees in the Town Hall park. An electrical conduit trench will be dug about 39" deep through the Town Hall parking lot to the transformer area on the school side. The trench will be 2' wide with a 3" diameter PVC conduit, glued at every joint so that it does not take on water, and buried in a 1ft deep sand bed. This is the only material planned to be added to the wetlands area. The project has a proposed time of 4 weeks to completion, weather pending. Mr. Logan, Soil Scientist presented his findings and report to the Commission. This was a lengthy discussion going into great detail about the vegetation present, Mr. Logan's findings, suggestions for maintaining the wetlands and meadow vegetation, specific vegetation/shrubbery cluster areas, and removal of the invasive species found in the wetlands. One suggestion specifically mentioned by Mr. Logan was leaving a 6-8" gap under the fencing for the wildlife and reptiles to have free movement into and out of the wetland area. The Commission and presenting panel toured the proposed area and returned to the meeting room for further discussion. Upon return discussion topics included, time of year proposed project would take place, significant disturbance of the wetland area, explanation of net metering in the State of Connecticut, restabilizing the area disturbed by the equipment and material storage in the play area and the general project proposal.

**MOTION by Mr. Kinsella and seconded by Mr. Turri**, to accept the application for the solar array for Regional School District #6 as per plans presented by Hrica Associates LLC, dated 08/01/2019. **Motion carries.**

6. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**  
Tabled to September meeting.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The Habitat publication, The 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday meeting notice, and Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter.
8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** None
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
**Motion by Mr. Wadhams** to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly  
Commission Clerk