

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
June 6 – 7:15PM
GOSHEN TOWN HALL – 42 NORTH STREET

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Vice Chairman Allen Kinsella, Rick Wadhams and Lorraine Lucas

EXCUSED: 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. Ray Turri and Neal White were excused 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:

A. May 2, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION Ms. Lucas, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting as written. No further discussion. Motion carries.

4. OLD BUSINESS: none

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Silene White for Josephine and Buzziena Kubish-192A Kubish Road Assessors Map 08-011-00-After-the-Fact permit for driveway crossing for timber harvest:** Application temporarily tabled as applicant had not yet arrived.

Motion Mr. Stansfield, 2nd Mr., Kinsella to add the follow items under New Business:

Erin Hurlburt, 244 East Street North, farm pond.

Garrett Harlow, Town of Goshen, E. Hyerdale & W. Hyerdale Rd., drainage improvements.

Barry Donaldson, Goshen Land Trust, Pie Hill Rd., bridge and boardwalk for recreation trail.

All in favor of the motion.

B. **Erin Hurlburt, 244 East Street North, farm pond:** Bill Colby was present representing Erin Hurlburt. She wished to construct a farm pond 8' in diameter and 4' deep for her ducks. She will add an aeration system so the pond doesn't freeze in the winter. The pond area will be fenced in. The Commission reviewed the application sketches and GIS Map information. **Motion Mr. Stansfield, 2nd Mr. Kinsella** to make a finding that the proposed activity is a permitted Agricultural Use per Section 4.1.a. of the Regulations.

C. **Garrett Harlow, Town of Goshen, E. Hyerdale & W. Hyerdale Rd., drainage improvements:** Highway Supervisor, Garrett Harlow was present to update the Commission on two upcoming stormwater quality and drainage road projects on West Hyerdale Drive and East Hyerdale planned for this summer. The projects had previously been reviewed and approved by the Commission. Mr. Harlow reviewed plans prepared by the Town Engineers, Lenard Engineering titled "Culvert Replacement – Site 14 Town of Goshen West Hyerdale Drive, Goshen Connecticut," dated 4/15/19. The work will be completed with the Town right of way and easement areas near 27 West Hyerdale Drive. The East Hyerdale drainage work

will be completed near East Beach. Mr. Harlow reviewed plans prepared by the Town Engineers, Lenard Engineering titled "Culvert Replacement – Site 8A Town of Goshen East Hyerdale Drive, Goshen Connecticut," dated 4/15/19. The Commission determined no additional permitting was required for the culvert replacement and stormwater quality road maintenance projects proposed.

- D. **Barry Donaldson, Goshen Land Trust, Pie Hill Rd., bridge and boardwalk for recreation trail:** Barry Donaldson and Don Massey were present to discuss extensions to the Fox Brook and Kobylenski recreational trails on Goshen Land Trust property located between Pie Hill Rd. and Torrington Road. They discussed a bridge crossing over the East Branch of the Bantam River and boardwalk in a wetlands area of the Foxbrook trail. The Commission reviewed GIS Mapping and sketches of the proposed pedestrian bridge. The work will be done by hand. **Motion Mr. Stansfield, 2nd Mr. Kinsella** to make a finding that the proposed activity is a permitted Recreational Use per Section 4.2.b. of the Regulations.

Silene White for Josephine and Buzziena Kubish-192A Kubish Road Assessors Map 08-011-00-After-the-Fact permit for driveway crossing for timber harvest: The applicant arrived and discussed an application filed for a wetlands crossing in connection with a timber harvest. Edward M. Pogodzienski and Silene White had started construction of a driveway to be used for agricultural purposes to access timber. Highway Supervisor Garrett Harlow had discovered the work in progress and alerted the Enforcement Officer. A letter was sent to the property owners and Silene White and Edward M. Pogodzienski promptly responded and met with Mr. Connor and Mr. Harlow. Photos of the work to date and a sketch plan of the driveway and culvert crossing were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Harlow was present and indicated a Driveway Permit for an agricultural use was required from the Town. **Motion Mr. Stansfield, 2nd by Mr. Kinsella** to make a finding that the proposed activity is a permitted Agricultural Use per Section 4.1.a. of the Regulations with the agreed on provision that the applicants immediately stabilize the disturbed areas, contact the Enforcement Officer to inspect the final stabilization and obtain a Driveway Permit for agricultural purposes from the Highway Supervisor. During discussion of the motion Mr. Stansfield indicated he was uncomfortable with the fact that the applicant started the work without a finding from the Commission first on the agricultural use. The applicants acknowledged they should have come to the Commission for a determination prior to undertaking the work. They will in the future meet with the Enforcement Officer 1st and file applications as required. Voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Wadhams and Mrs. Lucas. Abstaining Mr. Stansfield. Motion carried.

6. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**
The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's report of activities over the previous month. Mrs. Lucas commented that the Town drainage work discussed again last month for work on Bartholomew Hill Road has not yet been addressed by the Public Works department. Mr. Connor will discuss it with Mr. Harlow. **MOTION by Mr. Kinsella, second Mr. Wadhams**, to accept the Enforcement Officer's report. **MOTION carries.**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE – None**
8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: None**
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Motion by Mr. Wadhams to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin J. Connor, AICP
Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer