

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2020 – 7:15PM
GOSHEN TOWN HALL – 42 NORTH STREET**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Rick Wadhams, Lorraine Lucas, and Brandy Summerlin

EXCUSED: Allen Kinsella, Ray Turri

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM and noted that Mr. Kinsella and Mr. Turri are excused and 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:

February 6, 2020 regular meeting.

MOTION Ms. Lucas, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting as written. No discussion. **Motion carries.**

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: A. Modify Permit #16-09-01 for Matthew Sabia and Shannon McMorrow-236 Bartholomew Hill Road-add swimming pool and woodshed within regulated area. Dennis McMorrow presented on behalf of the applicants. The plan that Mr. McMorrow created in 2017 was presented and showed the proposed home site of the applicants. Mr. Stansfield had flagged the wetlands and asked if Mr. McMorrow objected to his sitting on the Commission. Mr. McMorrow had no objection. Mr. McMorrow presented a new plan with the floor plan for the house super-imposed onto the 2017 map to show the similarity between the two. The applicant's original plan showed a deck on the front of the house, they would like to remove the deck and add a patio and small pool in the back of the house, all still within the area of the originally proposed house site. The driveway is currently constructed with little change to the original plan. The applicant is seeking a modification to the permit 16-09-01 to add pool and woodshed. Discussion on the modification, the house site, the updated 2018 codes for septic, and the wood shed and outdoor furnace area.

MOTION Ms. Lucas, second Mr. Wadhams to approve the modification for Matthew Sabia and Shannon McMorrow-236 Bartholomew Hill Road- add swimming pool and woodshed within regulated area, Assessor map #7-12 Lot 5, as shown on map named "Septic System Design prepared for Matthew Sabia & Shannon McMorrow" by Berkshire Engineering, revised 02-24-20. No discussion. **Motion carries.**

MOTION Mr. Stansfield seconded by Mr. Wadhams to amend the agenda to include application from Nicole Ibrus-180 North Street-removal of trees in small area of land on property to build a horse-riding ring. **Motion carries.** Josh Smith, applicant's forester, presented with the applicant. The area of land to be cleared is for a ring approximately 80'x100'. The property layout and a right of way through property was discussed. Some previous flagging of wetlands was found approximately 5 feet from the area that Mr. Smith had flagged. Mr. Smith is proposing that he cut 68 trees and remove the stumps from the property to a recycling facility. Equipment and trailers used would be kept in the upland area so as not to disturb wetlands. The footing materials for the riding ring would be 8 inches of trap stone, 4 inches of $\frac{3}{4}$ stone, and topped with 4 inches of sand. The applicant presented photographs of the area. Further discussion

on the process of removing the trees and debris, the care of the excavation of the property and the construction of the ring. The Commissioners emphasized the applicant needs to be cognizant of the direction of the excavation and the location of the wetland area as well as have minimal disturbance to the area.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield seconded by Mr. Wadhams that the Commission has a finding that this is a use permitted by right under agricultural use of the property and the construction activities be minimized as much as possible and kept to the area that they have indicated on the sketch and all the debris be brought to the upland side of the property for proper disposal and the Enforcement Officer check on their progress as needed. **Motion carries.**

6. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Connor discussed his report with the Commissioners. Mr. Connor has been approached by several people concerning the Walsh property on 89 West Hyerdale Drive. People are concerned about the bubblers and their impact on the lake. Mr. Connor assured that oxygenating the lake is not harmful to the lake. Mr. Connor has been kept up to date on the progress by Mr. McCarty and he will be removing the bubblers soon.

MOTION by Mr. Wadhams seconded by Ms. Summerlin to accept the Enforcement Officer report as presented. **Motion carries.**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** An additional copy of Wildlife magazine was presented to the Commission.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: None**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Wadhams to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk