

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2020 – 7:15PM  
VIA ZOOM**

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

**EXCUSED:** Brandy Summerlin

**OTHERS:** Marty Connor, Patricia and Bill Mascetti, Bill Wilcox, Robin Clune-Hutchins, Dr. Haswell, Michael Welsh, Donna Molon, Jason Dismukes, Jonathan Zeiner, and Rick Rogers

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. Brandy Summerlin was excused and it was noted there was a vacancy on the Commission. The proceedings were recorded digitally on Zoom and available on the Town of Goshen website.

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

**3. READING OF THE MINUTES:**

October 1, 2020 regular meeting.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams, it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carries.**

**4. OLD BUSINESS: A. Patricia Mascetti - 130 Sandy Beach Road - Shoreline stabilization.** Mr. Turri asked if the drawing was submitted for the shoreline stabilization. It was submitted and the Secretary shared it on the screen for all to view.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Ms. Lucas to approve the application for Patricia Mascetti - 130 Sandy Beach Road - Shoreline stabilization It was voted upon and motion carries.**

**B. Ives Cottage LLC - 144 Sandy Beach Road - Shoreline stabilization.** The Secretary reported that Mrs. Ives sent an email that she would not be able to attend. Mr. Connor noted that the application was complete and the applicants are going to use the standard drawing for shoreline stabilization.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Kinsella to approve the application for Ives Cottage LLC - 144 Sandy Beach Road - Shoreline stabilization. Mr. Wadhams abstains. It was voted upon and motion carries.**

**C. Artel Engineering for Margaret & Harold Wilson – 96 Sandy Beach Road - Septic System and well.** The applicant sent an email requesting another month to meet with State and local health departments to continue work on the septic system design. The application is tabled to the December 2, 2020 meeting.

**D. Shirley Dunkin - 153 West Hyerdale Drive - After-the-fact application and remove tree trunks and stumps within the regulated area.** Mr. Wilcox was present for the

applicant. Mr. Connor reminded the Commission that the applicant was instructed to stabilize the disturbed area and it was discussed with the contractor. Mr. Connor made a site visit and it has been seeded and mulched and recommends the application be approved for the work that has been done. Ms. Lucas asked if there was going to be more work done on that site. Mr. Connor stated that the work is done there.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams to approve the after the fact application for Shirley Dunkin - 153 West Hyerdale Drive - After-the-fact application and remove tree trunks and stumps within the regulated area.**

**E. Robin Clune-Hutchins - 249 Milton Road - After-the-fact application – footbridge.**

Ms. Clune-Hutchins was present via Zoom to discuss the activity. Ms. Clune-Hutchins had sent a letter to the Commission in regards to the footbridge. The discussion with the applicant revealed that, according to the applicant, the neighbor of the applicant dug a trench to move water flow away from the transformer for his home that is on the property of Ms. Clune-Hutchins. Mr. Stansfield asked if the applicant was going to do any more work in the area, seeding, or mulching. Ms. Clune-Hutchins stated that she was not doing any work there. The neighbor did not get permission from the homeowner to dig the trench. Ms. Clune-Hutchins put the footbridge to make a safe passage over the trench. Ms. Lucas asked for clarification that the neighbor did the work on her property. Ms. Clune-Hutchins confirmed he did it without her permission. Mr. Connor asked who put the footbridge over the trench. Ms. Clune-Hutchins stated that she had called someone, licenced to do such work, to put the bridge in to make the area safe. Mr. Connor was glad that the applicant appeared to explain the work that was done on the property.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Ms. Kinsella to approve the application for Robin Clune-Hutchins - 249 Milton Road - After-the-fact application – footbridge with the condition that the applicant be present at the next meeting. It was voted upon and motion carries. Ms. Lucas asked if the neighbor was going to do anymore work there. Ms. Clune-Hutchins replied no, that she never gave him permission to work on her property in the first place. It was voted upon and motion carried.**

**F. Dr. Haswell for Kathy B. Haswell Trustee – 92 Sandy Beach Road – Shoreline Stabilization.**

Dr. Haswell was present to discuss the application. The proposed project is to repair the eroding wall with crushed stone behind the wall with fiber filter. Photos were presented and discussed. There are steps in the wall that are treacherous and need to be replaced. The contractor has done work at other homes in the area. The lake will not be infringed upon in any way and the work should improve the erosion.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams to approve the application for**

**Dr.**

**Haswell for Kathy B. Haswell Trustee – 92 Sandy Beach Road – Shoreline Stabilization. Mr. Stansfield clarified that the work would be done while the lake is down. Dr. Haswell agreed that the work will be done ASAP. It was voted upon and motion carried.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS: A. 2021 Meeting schedule.** Dates were discussed.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. It was voted upon and motion carried.**

**B. Michael Welsh Jr. - 19 Tyler Lake Heights Ext. - Repair sea wall.** Mr. Welsh was present to discuss his application. The sea wall has eroded over time and the applicant would like to reestablish the shore and stop the erosion from going into the lake. The property was surveyed and the wall will be constructed in the same location with a new concrete wall. Mr. Connor noted that he had discussed the project with the applicant to use filter fabric and that he is not to extend into the lake. Mr. Stansfield noted that there are not many concrete walls presented and asked Mr. Kinsella to review and comment on the proposed sketch. Mr. Kinsella discussed that if an engineer did the drawing he was surprised there was not a spread footing to resist the lateral force against it but with the water on the other side it should not be an issue. Mr. Welsh stated that he did the drawing but if the Commission would like a wider footing he will do that. Mr. Kinsella noted that the applicant may want to consult an engineer to discuss the reinforcing with a wider footing, spread the footing on the earth side or the water side. When the water gets let down the wall will be taking on a lateral load. Ms. Lucas asked if there is a wall there now. Mr. Welsh noted there is a wall there but it is falling down into the lake. Ms. Lucas asked if stones were going to be removed. Mr. Welsh confirmed they would be.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Kinsella to accept the application of Michael Welsh Jr. - 19 Tyler Lake Heights Ext. - Repair sea wall. It was voted upon and motion carries.**

**C. Rino Molon – 264 Sharon Turnpike – Dwelling and septic system in regulated area.** Jason Dismukes, PE, presented for the applicant. Mr. Dismukes discussed the project. It is a proposed first cut of the property so the applicant's son can build a home on the property. The property was originally surveyed with a coarse wetland delineation done when the applicant's house was built. A new detailed soil survey was conducted to delineate the actual wetlands on the property. A site plan for the home was presented as well. The septic system has been approved by the TAHD. The septic system is just above the upland regulated area and the corner of the proposed house touches the upland regulated area. Ms. Lucas asked for confirmation that nothing is in the regulated area. Mr. Dismukes commented that the septic system is in the regulated area and a small portion of a proposed deck but no work in the wetlands proper. The proposal of the first cut is to use the existing water course as the predominant boundary of the properties. Mr. Connor walked the property with Mr. Dismukes and Mr. and Mrs. Molon and in his opinion it is not a significant activity with proper erosion controls in place. Mr. Stansfield asked about exploring the

possibility of putting the septic system on a higher elevation. Mr. Dismukes stated that to get gravity and with the grades it would not be easy. It was kept as far away out of the upland review as possible. Ms. Lucas asked what type of wetlands it is. Mr. Dismukes stated that there are a lot of pines and that is the area that the septic is proposed. Mr. Stansfield asked where the well is. It is on the other side of the house. Mr. Turri asked if there was anything further needed from the applicant. Mr. Connor stated that the application is complete and the proposed spot for the house is really nice. Ms. Lucas asked if there were a lot of invasives in the wetlands. Mr. Dismukes stated no invasives and that there are a lot of pines, it's more of a wooded wetland, and upland vegetation. The concern is invasives coming in as a result of wetland disturbance.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Ms. Lucas to accept the application of Rino Molon – 264 Sharon Turnpike – Dwelling and septic system in regulated area. It was voted upon and motion carries.**

**D. Charles W Roraback – Milton Road Assessors map 06-011-0B – Timber harvest.**

Project forester, Mr. Zeiner, was present for the applicant. Mr. Connor noted that there was

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timber harvest done in the same area several years ago. Mr. Zeiner stated that the existing skid roads are still the same, the crossing is the same, the stream was dry for most of the summer. The site is pretty rocky which is good. The contracted logger uses portable bridges, bridge mats. Mr. Connor stated that in his opinion it is a Use as of Right under Section 4.1a.

**MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Turri to make a finding that the application for Charles W Roraback – Milton Road Assessors map 06-011-0B –**

Timber

**harvest is a permitted Use of Right under Section 4.1a. It was voted upon and motion carries.**

**E. Theresa F. Richards – 12 Flora Road – Sea wall repair.** Rick Rogers was present for the applicant. Mr. Rogers presented the project. The wall is eroding into the lake and cracking. Usually stone is put behind the wall to drain any water, however with the close proximity of the septic system the contractor proposes to seal the cracks with mortar on the lake side and on the grass side to seal all the way up. The contractor would like to get the lake side done as soon as possible before the water comes back up. No equipment would be used on the lake side. On the grass side the wall is higher than the grass area. The use of silt fence was discussed but would seem to be overkill with the structure of the wall. Mr. Kinsella asked if the wall is structurally sound. Mr. Rogers stated that there are rods in the wall and it appears to be sound, just in need of repair.

**MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams to accept the application for**

November 5, 2020

**Theresa F. Richards – 12 Flora Road – Sea wall repair. It was voted upon and motion carries.**

6. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Connor discussed his report with the Commission. The office has been busy. Mr. Turri commented that good things are going on at Tyler Lake with the walls being repaired to prevent all the erosion into the lake. He also commended the Public Works department on the incredible job done on the repair done to limit the silt from going into Woodridge Lake, with the replacement of the pipes under the road. Ms. Lucas asked for a review of the Agent Determinations, discussion followed on. Mr. Stansfield asked about when items are removed from the report. Mr. Connor takes them off when projects are completed and don't need to be reviewed anymore.

**MOTION by Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. Turri to accept the Enforcement Officer report as presented. Motion carries.**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE: Wildlife Magazine**

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Mr. Wadhams to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly  
Commission Clerk