

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
December 3, 2020 – 7:15PM
VIA ZOOM**

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

EXCUSED: Brandy Summerlin and Neil White

OTHERS: Marty Connor, Michael Welsh, Rick Rogers, Jason Dismukes and Gary Stango Jr.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. Brandy Summerlin and Neil White were excused. 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:
November 5, 2020 regular meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Kinsella and seconded by Mr. Turri, it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carries.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Artel Engineering for Margaret & Harold Wilson – 96 Sandy Beach Road – Septic System and well. Mr. Connor received email requesting an extension while they continue to work on soil testing until the next meeting. The application is tabled to the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Application tabled per Chairman Tom Stansfield.

B. Michael Welsh Jr. - 19 Tyler Lake Heights Ext. - Repair sea wall. Mr. Welsh was present to discuss his application. Nothing has changed since last meeting other than new photos were submitted. Mr. Connor had no concerns and Mr. Welsh explained the project at the last meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Kinsella to approve the application for 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. Ms. Lucas visited the area and indicated that it looked and is wet. Chairman indicated that they had talked briefly about reversing this and putting on higher ground. Ms. Lucas was asked if this was a good layout and Ms. Lucas indicated she was fine with it. No other comments made.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams to approve the application for 264 Sharon Turnpike- Dwelling and septic system in regulated area. It was voted upon and motion carries.

D. Theresa F. Richards – 12 Flora Road – Sea wall repair. Pictures were taken and shown. Structure had no changes from last month and cracks just need to be filled. No other comments.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wadhams to approve application for 12 Flora Road – Sea wall repair. It was voted upon and motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Gary A Stango, Jr. – 54 Bare Hill Road – Tree Clearing. It was noted by the Chairman that this is an After-Fact-Application. Mr. Stango was present to discuss his application. When Mr. Connor was out doing inspections, he noticed tree cutting in an area near an agricultural use pond. He sent a letter to the property owner and indicated that they will need to write a letter to IWC as to the purpose of tree clearing, complete an application and appear at the next meeting. Mr. Stango did exactly that in a timely manner. Mr. Stango indicated that the purpose of the tree cutting was to bring back the apple orchard on that section of the property. It is 1.5 acres and 90% was mostly vegetation that was cut with a mower and the other was dying ash tree. He apologized and contacted Mr. Connor as soon as he was in the office and said he was not aware of the rule and did not think an engineered pond was considered wetlands. That area does not slop down to the orchard and there is no runoff. He did put silt fencing near the pond. Mr. Connor said that Mr. Stango is working with the NRCS and USDA and asked Mr. Stango to explain. Mr. Stango said that a full force management plan was just approved for the full 42 acres, but the orchard is a separate project. He does have an application in with them to divert a spring that is near the orchard to provide irrigation. There is a seasonal brook near that had a 100 feet of tree coverage so it will not dry up and separated by a rock wall.

MOTION by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Turri to accept application for 54 Bare Hill Road – Tree Clearing. It was voted upon and motion carries. Side note enforcement action to be taken separate and Mr. Connor informed Mr. Stango that he is to get with him on the spring project and he will be coming to check the area and not work to be done until permit received.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Discussion was brought up as to adding 6A for each determination. Mr. Turri indicated that it is already listed under the enforcement report and does not see it being needed. Chairman thought it would just be a little more transparent. Mr. Connor felt that we post in enough places and did not think it was needed. Ms. Lucas thought it would be fine to do a 6A and just clarifies it for everyone. It was agreed to add a 6A and Ms. Reilly confirmed that she would add a 6A for determination from the prior month.

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A. Berkshire Engineering, Allen Freeburg – Previous application approved, had a sanitary sewer line going thru wetland area across the street actually was also part of the permit put the engineer has gotten permission from Woodridge Lake Server District to put it along road right of way, so it doesn't have to go thru wetlands area. Mr. Connor feels comfortable to give Agent Determination for that use. Less impact on the wetlands.

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE: Erin Reilly gives notice that December 11, 2020 will be her last day as Land Use Commissions Clerk. Introduces Lori Clinton as a suitable replacement and will stay on to help and train as long as she needs to. Erin is thanked for all her hard work and it is going to be hard to fill her shoes.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Wadhams to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk