**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES**

**MARCH 5, 2020 – 7:15PM**

**GOSHEN TOWN HALL – 42 NORTH STREET**

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

**EXCUSED:**  Ray Turri

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM and noted that Mr. Turri is not present. 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:**

March 5, 2020 regular meeting.

**MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Kinsella**, to accept the minutes as written of the March 5, 2020 meeting as written. No discussion. **Motion carries.**

**4. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS: A. Craig Bothroyd – 72 Hillhouse Road – Clearing, grubbing, remove accumulated sediment from small pond, and replace existing walk bridge.** Mr. Bothroyd was present via Zoom and discussed the project. Mr. Bothroyd is looking to improve the property around the pond to make the area more aesthetic. Mr. Connor inquired as to whether it could be considered “use as of right” under 4.1a or incidental to the enjoyment and maintenance of residential property per 4.1d. Mr. Bothroyd noted that it was intended to be more of a project to keep the pond maintained. Ms. Lucas commented that the project was well outlined, with the stockpile area noted and the stone wall maintenance. Mr. Stansfield asked if the Commission felt that the project was to be considered farm use. Mr. Stansfield asked Mr. Bothroyd when he thought the project would commence. Mr. Bothroyd would like to do the project in late May, early June. Ms. Lucas asked about the wetland seed mix and whether it would be needed in the area. Mr. Bothroyd noted that he has had good luck using the wetland seed mix around ponds and for edge stabilization and adjacent to the small pond.

 **MOTION Ms.** **Lucas, second Mr. Wadhams** to accept the application for **Craig Bothroyd – 72 Hillhouse Road – Clearing, grubbing, remove accumulated sediment from small pond, and replace existing walk bridge.** Mr. Stansfield asked Ms. Lucas to clarify that she is accepting it as an application and not a permitted use as of right. Ms. Lucas noted that Mr. Bothroyd presented the project as a beautification of the property not as a farm use. Mr. Stansfield would like to take a look at the property, particularly the location of the stockpile, to be sure that is not in the wetland area. **Motion carries.**

**6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT:** Mr. Connor discussed his report with the Commissioners. Mr. Stansfield noted that the Water Company is working feverishly on North Goshen Road. Mr. Connor noted he would ride by but reiterated that the Wetland Commission does not regulate their activity.

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

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:** A memo from Bob Valentine on a spending freeze for the Town. The Clerk read the memo into record.

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

 **Motion by Mr. Wadhams** to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Erin Reilly**

**Commission Clerk**