

**CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE
DECEMBER 5, 2017 REGULAR MEETING - CORNWALL TOWN OFFICES**

Present: Regular members D. Stevenson Hedden, Roger Kane, alternate members Peter Demy and Deborah Bennett and IWWO Karen Griswold Nelson. (Andrew MacDavid and Mr. Hurlburt in attendance while awaiting final appointment to the Agency)

Absent: Adam Fischer

Presiding chairman D. Stevenson Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Cornwall Town offices with a quorum established. Mrs. Bennett was seated for regular member Adam Fischer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November meeting minutes

Motion made by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mrs. Bennett to approve the November meeting minutes as presented: unanimously approved.

PENDING APPLICATIONS. None.

**NEW APPLICATIONS AND OR MODIFICATIONS/PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS.
UPLAND REVIEWS AND APPROVAL BY AUTHORIZED AGENT.**

App#616 Malka Percal owner/ (Jason Dismukes applicant) Activities with regulated areas for septic system repair and conversion of a studio to an accessory apartment – 297 Sharon Goshen Turnpike.

Information made part of the record:

- Application and accompanying information.
- Mapping entitled “Septic Repair Plan and Accessory Expansion prepared for Malka Percal, 297 Sharon-Goshen Tnpk, West Cornwall, Connecticut” prepared by Jason Dismukes Consulting Engineer, dated 10-3-17 was made part of the record.

Jason Dismukes, PE, with an office in Goshen and representative for the applicant, gave a brief overview of the activities proposed within regulated areas for the conversion of an existing non-residential accessory structure to a detached residential accessory apartment. Mr. Dismukes stated that the wetlands had been field delineated and described the various site features including existing drainage from the state highway.

Motion made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Kane, to accept the **App#616** and table discussion until the January meeting; unanimously approved.

App#617 – George Yancopoulos owner applicant – Activities within regulated areas for dredging, invasive species removal, pond restoration, island and trail creation – 71 Popple Swamp Road.

Information made part of the record:

- Application and accompanying information in bound copy titled “Application for permission to Conduct a regulated activity affecting an inland wetland or watercourse” for Nash Pond, submitted to the Town of Cornwall prepared by Macchi Engineers LLC, Hartford, CT for property owner “Dr. George Yancopoulos, 71 Popple Swamp Road” including

- Mapping entitled "Overall Site Plan for Dr. George Yancopoulos prepared by Macchi Engineers dated November 1, 2017"
- Environmental Report prepared by Davison Environmental. (hard copy and CD)

There was brief discussion of various site activities including ongoing repair to the spillway. Staff was directed to pursue information regarding the status and timing of the current activities under the state permit for repair of the spillway.

Note was made that the activities proposed in the current application, all under the jurisdiction of the local authority were "significant" in scope and would require a public hearing. Additional copies of the environmental report and mapping were to be made available to the commission members for their review for discussion at the January meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Demy, to accept the **App#617** and table discussion until the January meeting; unanimously approved.

INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER REPORT.

Griswold Nelson addressed recent activities brought to her attention on the Cream Hill Lake Association property for maintenance of the tennis courts, noting that the yearly activities were being done in a fashion protective of the wetlands and watercourse nearby. There was discussion of recent beaver issues as well with note made that beaver trapping in trouble spots in the Town including Cream Hill Lake was under consideration.

Griswold Nelson addressed concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of the Whitcomb Hill Stony Batter Farm state registered dam with direction given to follow up on the matter with the DEEP Dam safety division.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

Update to Wetlands regulations to reflect statutory changes --- discussion and timing.

Griswold Nelson addressed the consideration of setting changes to the Inland wetland regulations to address 2011 changes for "as of right" fire protection measures for the February or March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, at adjourn at 8:00PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Griswold Nelson