

**CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MEEETING – CORNWALL TOWN OFFICES
HELD BY ZOOM MEETING/RECORDING ON FILE**

Present: Regular members D. Stevenson Hedden, Debby Bennett, Peter Demy, Roger Kane, and IWWEO Karen Griswold Nelson.

Absent: William Hurlburt.

Chairman D. Stevenson Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with a quorum established,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mr. Demy to approve the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented; unanimously approved

NEW APPLICATIONS/ UPLAND REVIEWS AND APPROVAL BY AUTHORIZED AGENT.

Modification to App#617, dated April 2018, to Dr. George Yancopoulos (aka and transferred to Makedonia Connecticut LLC) to remove the island and trail creation, to add security fencing along the road, and to change the change of the location of the dry hydrant – 71 Popple Swamp Road.

Griswold Nelson gave an outline of the proposed modifications to **Application 617** as approved, stating that the three changes were to permanently remove the proposed island, and wood walking trail from the approved site plan, to add pressure treated split rail fence along the town right-of-way for security purposes, and approve the re-location of the dry hydrant to the location as installed.

Griswold Nelson addressed the original application and the determination of significant impact partly based on the proposed trail/board walk along the entire perimeter of the pond, stating that the approval of the modification would prevent the trail from being constructed in the future without re-applying for permits. There was general discussion of the fence posts (pressure treated 4 foot posts with wire along the lower half) and the location. With agreement that the modification would “substantially lessen” the impact of the activities on the wetlands and pond, Griswold Nelson was charged with investigating the material being used (“what kind of pressure treatment”) and the location of the fence with the town highway foreman. There was suggestion made to table action on the modification application and to schedule a special meeting in two weeks (after the 15 day appeal period) if possible.

Motion made by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, to make no determination of signification and to table action on the application to allow the 15 day appeal period to be satisfied; unanimously approved,

PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS – None

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

Notice of Violation/Cease and Correct – Dark Entry Forest Inc/ property owner and Anthony Macchioaroli /non-property owner for work within regulated areas without permits – Cook Road. Deferred at the written request of the property owner.

Griswold Nelson addressed her work to assist in the completion of a Petition for a Declaratory Ruling in process for after-the fact work for maintenance of a driveway started within feet of a watercourse on Smith Place property without permits in place. The Petition for Declaratory ruling was to be brought to the next meeting.

INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER REPORT

Update on bridge work/ Kane and Griswold Nelson

Roger Kane addressed the completion of the work on the two bridge maintenance projects (PDR-08-2020/21- Town of Cornwall on Popple Swamp Rd. over unnamed stream (031009) 500' west of Route 4 (opposite Foote Field) and West Road over Bloody Brook (031011) 400' north of Route 4, both determined to be as of right at the July 2021 meeting in that the proposed bridge repairs were structures on or within the town right away associated with residential properties.

Griswold Nelson addressed working with Bruce Bennett to modify the Petition for Declaratory Ruling for the repair of the town-owned Cogswell Road Bridge to allow the bridge to be painted provided that no activities were within the watercourse.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

Meeting dates for 2022

Meeting dates to remain the first Tuesday of the month, 7PM, with format to be determined. Proposed meeting dates, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3. June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6 to be approved at the December meeting.

Review of Annual report – in process.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Kane, seconded by Mrs. Bennett to adjourn at 7:43PM; unanimously approved,

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Griswold Nelson