

**CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2022 MEETING – CORNWALL TOWN OFFICES
HELD BY ZOOM MEETING/RECORDING ON FILE**

Present: Regular members Debby Bennett, Peter Demy, William Hurlburt, Alternate Allan Bahn and IWWEO Karen Griswold Nelson.

Absent: D. Stevenson Hedden,

Land Use Administrator/IWWEO Karen Griswold Nelson opened the Zoom meeting at 7:02PM. Due to the absence of the chair and the recent resignation of vice chairman Roger Kane, William Hurlburt chaired the meeting. Alternate member Allan Bahn was seated for regular member D. Stevenson Hedden.

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

Motion made by Mr. Demy, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, to approve the December 7, 2021 minutes as presented: unanimously approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

APP#655 Warren Stevens applicant/owner (Brian Neff, engineer of record) – Activities within regulated areas for the construction of a single family residence – Sharon Goshen Turnpike (Tax Map E-8 Block 2 – Lot 9).

Information made part of the record.

Mapping entitled “Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan - Sharon Goshen Turnpike”, prepared by Brian E. Neff, dated January 10, 2022”

Application and authorization from property owner for Brian Neff to represent the application.

Brian Neff, PE with an office in Roxbury was in attendance to represent the application. The floor was opened for discussion.

There was general discussion of the plans prepared to construct a small house (16' x 48') with a detached 20' x 30' garage on the now vacant parcel, the location of the proposed new septic system, and the location of the driveway. Mr. Neff addressed the location of the intermittent watercourse with agreement that the location of the house and the barn would be staked out for Commission members to walk once conditions were appropriate. Mr. Neff addressed work with the DOT for the final location of the driveway on the state road.

Motion made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Bahn, to accept **App#655**, to make no determination of significance and table discussion to the March meeting; unanimously approved

App#655 – Kim Q. Matland Trustee/Pat Hackett, applicant/engineer of record – Activities within regulated areas for septic repair – 356 Sharon Goshen Turnpike.

Information made part of the record.

Mapping entitled Matland Residence – 356 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, Cornwall CT “Subsurface Sewage Disposal Repair Plan” dated January 7, 2022 revised to 1/28/2022 forwarded electronically 02/01/2022 with electronic copy of application.

Pat Hackett PE with an office in Lakeville was in attendance to represent the application. The floor was opened for discussion.

There was general discussion of the plans prepared to repair two failing septic systems servicing a single family house with 4 bedrooms and a detached garage containing 3 bedrooms. Mr. Hackett addressed the investigation for the siting of the two systems to be repaired and the B100A, addressing the soil testing and the need to divert some drainage into an area that was all sand and gravel.

With note made that repair of septic systems could be determined to be as of right/non-regulated as per Section 4 (by the IWWA or Agent) for maintenance of residential property, it was agreed to accept the application, table discussion, so as to allow additional information including final septic detail approval, and allow time for necessary information as to the septic contractor and construction sequence to be made part of the record. Mr. Hackett stated that the site would be staked so as to allow Commission members and the IWWEO to visit the site.

Motion made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Demy accept **App#656** to make to determination of significance and table discussion to the March meeting; unanimously approved

PENDING APPLICATION: None.

PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY RULINGS

PDR- 01- 2022 Chris Tanner applicant/Michael Pollan property owner – Proposed pond maintenance including removal of sediment, repair of overflow and work on fire hydrant – corner of Prichard and Flat Rocks Road.

Griswold Nelson gave an overview of the Petition for Declaratory ruling, stating that much of the information in the application submitted for the proposed pond maintenance had been supplied by the Land Use office based on a previous application submitted (Kent Greenhouse over 5 years ago). Griswold Nelson addressed contacting the site contractor, stating that she would be working with him to address the final details of the project before it moved forward.

Motion made by Mr. Bahn, seconded by Mr. Demy, to accept **PDR 01-2022** and to table the Determination of an as of right use to the March meeting so as to allow the IWWEO to work out necessary details with the new site contractor; unanimously approved.,

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

Notice of Violation/Cease and Correct – Dark Entry Forest Inc/ property owner and Anthony Macchiaroli /non-property owner for work within regulated areas without permits – Cook Road.

Griswold Nelson addressed the receipt of an email from Dark Entry representative David Colbert stating that “Dark Entry Forest Inc. is working to resolve the issues raised in the Notice of Violation and is asking that we be given additional time.”

Accordingly, discussion of the particulars was deferred with a brief overview by the IWWEO as to her role as part of the resolution of the matter.

INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER REPORT (See correspondence and communications)

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED. None.

Resignation of Commission member, Roger Kane and Welcome to new alternate Alan Bahn.

The resignation of long serving Commission member Roger Kane was acknowledged with the minutes of the meeting to show the Commission's gratitude to Mr. Kane for his many years of service as an IWWA member and work for the Town of Cornwall at large.

Mr. Bahn was welcomed to the Commission with Agency members sharing their history and background.

New Commissioner training class – information discussion of duties and responsibilities of commission members.

Griswold Nelson addressed the receipt of information as to a new commissioner training class being offered by the DEEP and her intent to forward not only that information but other information such as on line mapping that might be useful for Commission members to consider learning about and using.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Demy, seconded by Mr. Bahn to adjourn at 7:40PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Griswold Nelson