

**CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR IN-PERSON MEETING JUNE 6, 2023**

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

Absent: regular member Alan Bahn and alternate members Jeffery Morgan and Robert Nethery

Chairman D. Stevenson Hedden called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with a quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May special meeting minutes

Motion made by Mr. Demy seconded by Mrs. Bennett to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 special meeting as presented; unanimously approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

App#668 – Gordon M. /Jayne Ridgway/Ridgway Farm owners/applicant William Colby P.E.- Activities within regulated areas for the construction of a detached accessory apartment and septic system- 142 Town Street.

Information made part of the record:

Application including mapping entitled “Site Development Plan prepared for Gordon Ridgway, #142 Town Street Cornwall CT by Colby Engineering, Goshen CT dated 01/30/23 revised to 4.20/3034”

05/25/2023 Permission for William Colby, PE of Colby Engineering to represent the property owners.

Torrington Area Health approval with attachments

October 19, 2022 correspondence from Northwest Conservation District

Listing of Abutting property owners to 142 Town Street

William Colby, PE with an office in Goshen CT gave an overview of the proposed activities as shown in the site plan for the construction of a 30’ x 80 structure including a cider press, storage, and one bedroom accessory apartment with proposed activities within regulated areas. Mr. Colby addressed the approval in the record from Torrington Area Health, and information in the file regarding wetlands flagging (NWCD correspondence).

Mr. Colby addressed factors relating to drainage from remnants of farming activities (roads and fields), particulars relating to details for the design of the septic system. In response to questions (Mr. Hurlburt), Mr. Colby addressed the septic design which included 2 separate septic tank components as required by TAHD for both the residential usage and the cider press part, stating that the “washing of the press” water could not go into the residential usage. Other components addressed the drainage ditch and design components in the plan to divert water back into the stream. Mr. Colby addressed design features of the proposed curtain drains and in response to questions (Bennett) other design features for water management in and around the existing driveway.

In response to questions regarding evidence of flags on the site, Mr. Colby stated that all flags would be re-established for clarity during commission member site walks.

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mrs. Bennet, to accept **App#668 – Gordon M./Jayne Ridgway/Ridgway Farm owners/applicant William Colby P.E. for Activities within regulated areas for the construction of a detached accessory apartment and septic system– 142 Town Street**, make no determination of significance and table discussion to the July regularly scheduled meeting; unanimously approved,

PDR13–2023-Michael Callahan and Bart Jones applicants/Gerald and Linda Schofield, property owners – Installation of beaver devices on residential to maintain access to a residential property (deemed emergency and approved by IWWEO on May 6 after outreach to Agency members) – 206 Great Hollow Road. June 6 Email received from Michael Callahan prior to the meeting was made part of the record.

Griswold Nelson addressed the Petition, based on her “emergency approval” with commission input prior to the meeting. There was general discussion regarding the success and process for approving beaver deceivers with the matter to be followed up during “Other Business Proper” at future meetings

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mrs. Bennet, to validate “After the Fact” Determination of **PDR13–2023-Michael Callahan and Bart Jones applicants/Gerald and Linda Schofield, property owners – Installation of beaver devices on residential to maintain access to a residential property (deemed emergency and approved by IWWEO on May 6 after outreach to Agency members) – 206 Great Hollow Road according to Section 4.1.d** for maintenance of residential property; unanimously approved.

PENDING APPLICATIONS;

App#667 – Daniel and Susan Van Doren – Construction of a new foot bridge across the stream – (all wetlands information being brought forward as part of previous permits approved) – 11 Bradford Road.

Griswold Nelson addressed the application with note made of her familiarity with the site based on recent inspections and that the work being proposed was similar to work already done and approved by her.

Motion made by Mr. Demy, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, to approve **App#667 – Daniel and Susan Van Doren for regulated non-significant activities associated with the construction of a new and second foot bridge across the stream – (all wetlands information being brought forward as part of previous permits approved) – 11 Bradford Road;** unanimously approved.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:

Notice of Violation/Show Cause Hearing – Gonzales Landscaping Inc. owner-Activities within regulated areas with a permit – 18 Frederick Drive.

No discussion – Notice of Violation upheld at the May meeting.

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.

Information made part of the record. Email correspondence from David Colbert

Sent: Thursday 6/3/2023 7:34AM To: Karen Nelson cwlanduse@optonline.net

Subject: Statement for 2023 IWWA June meeting

Dear Cornwall IWWA,

Litigation is still pending as to the Macchiaroli case. Regarding the current E&S status, as you know, DEF has installed hay bales and silt fencing, which it will continue to monitor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DEF.

Thank you,

David Colbert

President, Dark Entry Forest, Inc.

INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER REPORT.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hurlburt, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, to adjourn at 7:35PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by recording secretary Karen Griswold Nelson, for Mr. Demy,
Commission secretary