

Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
Final Minutes
October 3, 2019
Stonington Police Station, 173 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT

Seated for the meeting were Russell McDonough, Dennis Unites, and Raul Ferreira. Also, in attendance, Candace Palmer, WEO.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Unites moved to appoint Mr. Ferreira as acting chairman, seconded by Mr. McDonough, all in favor 3-0, motion approved.

Public Comment:

Susan Jones, 53 Palmer Street, asked the commission about the conditions of the Stonington Housing Authority's drainage system. She is concerned that it has not been maintained and are now trying to apply for another wetlands permit.

Fran Hoffman addressed the commission as a member of the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee. She is focused on conservation and priorities and will be asking the commission which of the items in the plan they would like to move forward as their top priorities at a future meeting.

New Business:

IW #19-11 James & Kate Nicholson (Cowen EcoDesign, LLC-Agent) - Seeking a permit for construction of an inground pool in the upland review area. Property located on 35 Stewart Rd., Pawcatuck. Assessor's Map 11 Block 5 Lot 7, Zone RA-20.

The site walk was scheduled for November 2, 2019.

Old Business:

IW #19-08 Thomas Kasprzak & Morgan Adair (Advanced Improvement, LLC-Agent) - Seeking a permit for construction of an addition to a single-family residence in the upland review area. Property located on 189 Elm St., Stonington. Assessor's Map 79 Block 6 Lot 19, Zone RM-20/RH-10 Applies.

The application was tabled at the applicant's request.

IW #19-09 Christopher Patsiga (Theodore M. Ladwig-Agent) - Seeking a permit for construction of an addition to an existing single-family residence in the upland review area. Property located on 166 Briar Patch Rd., Stonington. Assessor's Map 98 Block 1 Lot 2, Zone GBR-130/RC-120/RR-80.

Attorney Theodore Ladwig presented the application. The applicant is proposing an addition within the upland review area. Mr. Ladwig reviewed the letter by soil scientist Ian Cole, that states that the activities will not negatively impact the wetlands. The home currently serves as a buffer to the new construction. The applicant will install erosion and sedimentation control barriers. Peter Gardner presented the site plan. The addition will be over an existing driveway which will be excavated and the foundation installed. 840 square feet of the addition is within the upland review area.

Mr. Unites moved to approve the application with two stipulations.

1. The applicant must return to the commission if any septic construction must be done in the upland review area.
2. Staff shall be notified prior to construction to inspect erosion and sedimentation controls.

Mr. McDonough seconded the motion, the vote was taken 3-0, motion approved.

IW #19-10 Kenneth & Michelle Bailey - Seeking a permit for construction of a single-family residence with attached garage, gravel driveway, well and associated activity within the upland review area. Property located on 544 New London Turnpike, Stonington. Assessor's Map 112 Block 3 Lot 2C, Zone RR-80.

Ken Bailey presented the application. Soil scientist James Cowen, surveyed and mapped the wetlands on site to update the plans from the approved 2006 subdivision. The applicant is moving forward with a previously approved site plan, but plans to also add an attached garage. Mr. Unites asked about the conservation easement. Ms. Palmer stated that the homeowner will be provided with signs from the town that must be attached to the trees in that area. Mr. Ferreira asked about the soil being excavated. The soil can be used on site outside of the upland review area.

Mr. McDonough moved to approve the application with one stipulation.

1. Staff shall be notified prior to construction to inspect erosion and sedimentation control measures.

Mr. Unites seconded the motion, the vote was taken 3-0, motion approved.

Public Hearing:

IW #19-07 Stonington Housing Authority (Edward H. Wenke III, PE, Agent) - Seeking a permit for proposed site improvements, restoration of existing storm detention basin, install new storm drainage pipe, clean and regrade overflow swale and upgrade existing culvert for the purpose of constructing new residential units. Activity in the wetlands and fill in the upland review area. Property located on 45 Sisk Dr., Pawcatuck. Assessor's Map 14 Block 14 Lot 19, Zone RH-10. **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

Election of Officers:

The commission tabled the item.

Approval of 2020 Meeting Calendar:

Mr. McDonough moved to approve the calendar, seconded by Mr. Unites, all in favor 3-0, motion approved.

Minutes:

Mr. Unites moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 and September 28, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mr. McDonough, all in favor 3-0, motion approved.

Mr. Unites moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McDonough, all in favor 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Russell McDonough, Secretary