

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

172 Main Street
Danielson, CT
April 1, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Eggers called meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Members Present: Chairman Sandy Eggers, Chris McDonald

Members Absent: Paul Archer, Vice Chairman Rodney Galton, Secretary Corina Torrey (all with notification)

Alternate Member Present: Amy Sterling

Also Present: Jonathan Blake, Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Allison Brady, Assistant Planner & Land Resource Officer, Alec Ethier, Engineering Technician

Alternate Member Amy Sterling was seated as a voting member.

II. **Adoption of Minutes:**

MOTION #1 made by Chris McDonald **SECONDED BY** Amy Sterling that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024 - as amended

➤ Corrected spelling throughout minutes: Chris McDonald

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

IV. **Citizens' Participation:** none

V. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Application #24-1587 Application #24-1587 Lewis & Tina Merchant for proposed filling of 2830 sq. ft. of wetlands to create yard area, construct garage & install pool w/l 200' of upland review area; 18 Kent Street, Map ID 3863, Alt ID 200-129, Medium density Zone

PRESENTATION / APPLICANT: Normand Thibeault, Killingly Engineering Associates, was present to represent applicant. He addressed previous concerns by Commission regarding sediment/toxicant retention and nutrient removal.

SOIL SCIENTIST REPORT: There was review of an additional report submitted by Joseph Theroux to further elaborate on Commission concerns, dated March 11, 2024.

Generally, Mr. Theroux notes that due to a general low velocity, sediment/pollutants/fertilizers will be trapped, retained, neutralized, and or used by plantings. Additionally, functionality of wetland will not diminish area as it has no major value – it's just that the area is wet.

MOTION #2 made by Chris McDonald **SECONDED BY** Amy Sterling that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approves **Application #24-1587** Lewis & Tina Merchant for proposed filling of 2830 sq. ft. of wetlands to create yard area, construct garage & install pool w/l 200' of upland review area; 18 Kent Street, Map ID 3863, Alt ID 200-129, Medium density Zone with the following conditions:

- Boundaries to be clearly staked in the field where filling will occur
- New England seed mix planting area be expanded to 20 feet to the north and 40 feet to the west of wetlands
- Curtain Drain to be installed along north side of property
- Clear expectation seeding and maintenance to occur in areas being filled (yard area)
- New England seed mix planted between all yard areas and standing water

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Application #24-1588**, Town of Killingly for drainage improvements / maintenance on Cranberry Bog Road – Jurisdictional Ruling – no site walk / no public hearing

TOWN STAFF: Alec Ethier was present to provide the Commission with a brief review. Small drainage improvements needed in this area because it freezes in winter and puddles in spring causing hazardous conditions for drivers. Water flowing through this area drains to Tetreault Pond.

CT DEEP is involved with this project as it involves state property. It has been determined there are no associated species of concern or endangered species associated to this project.

The Town will access area of concern via easement. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be in place and a proper seed mix will be installed.

MOTION #3 made by made by Amy Sterling **SECONDED BY** Chris McDonald that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission approve **Application #24-1588**, Town of Killingly for drainage improvements / maintenance on Cranberry Bog Road; Jurisdictional Ruling – **As presented**

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

VI. New Business:

- A. Application #24-1589** Forester Austin Harmon for Miyoshi America Inc. (land owners); Jurisdictional Ruling; notification of Timber Harvest; 110 Louisa Viens Dr; Map ID 8766, Alt ID 57-8; Industrial Zone;

TOWN STAFF: No wetlands directly associated to this application. Harvesting will not be done on town property. There is a drainage ditch on the Miyoshi property that is potential wetlands but no activity is proposed in this area. Staff recommends proposed activity as non-regulated.

MOTION #4 made by made by Chris McDonald **SECONDED BY** Amy Sterling that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission approve **Application #24-1589** Forester Austin Harmon for Miyoshi America Inc. (land owners); Jurisdictional Ruling; notification of Timber Harvest; 110 Louisa Viens Dr; Map ID 8766, Alt ID 57-8; Industrial Zone -- **As-of-Right**

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

VII. Correspondence to Commission:

Submitted by Archer Survey, KWP Associates, regarding 4 South Shore Road. Proposed activity is construction of garage on existing cottage that abuts Alexanders Lake. There was discussion on ALZOD Regulations. This was for informational purposes only. No action is necessary by the Commission.

VIII. Staff Report:

A. Authorized Agent Application:

- 1. Application #24-1584, Woodstock Building Associates LLC** (James Hamel & Lenore Felpel – landowners) for demolition of existing house & renovations of existing barn into single-family residence w/existing septic (w/modification) and existing well w/l 200' of upland review area; 1497 Hartford Pike, Map ID 2344, Alt ID 99-7 Rural Development Zone.

February 8, 2024, Authorized Agent, Allison Brady, issued approval for renovation only and Town Staff requested additional information before taking action for the remainder.

APPLICANT: Sara Blake was present to represent applicant. She presented revised plans for review. She indicated homeowners intend to demolish existing house and convert barn into a living space / house.

It was noted area of activity is surrounded by wetlands & are somewhat close to existing house. Design calls for the most minimal impact to site. Design calls for silt fence installation in all areas of concern. Well and septic are existing for current house. A water line will be extended/connected to newly renovated barn and erosion & sedimentation controls will be put in place at time of extension activities. While adjustments to septic system may need to happen once barn is fully converted.

An updated soil scientist delineation report provided by Joe Theroux was submitted into the record as was previously asked for by the Commission.

This application is for info only. No action required by IWWC.

IX. Town Council Liaison: N/A

X. Adjournment

MOTION #5 made Chris McDonald **SECONDED BY** Amy Sterling that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission adjourn at 8:19 pm

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted
Sherry Pollard,
IWWC Recording Secretary