

Town of Andover
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6th, 2023 – 7:00pm

Location: Hybrid via Zoom & Community Room, Andover Town Hall, 17 School Road

Members Present: Jed Larson, Duncan Phye, Ed Smith, Jan Maschi, Bill Munroe

Wetlands Agent: Joe Wagner

Town Administrator: Eric Anderson

Conservation Commission: Hank Gruener

Public Present: Dorothy Yeomans (Property Owner), Austin Harmon (Applicant/Contractor), Brad Kelle

1. Call to Order- Bill Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates – Roll Call performed. Ed Smith sat as an alternate.

3. Changes in order to Agenda – Moved agenda item 7b to 7a in discussion.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. September 12th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – Jan Maschi MOTIONED to approve the September 12th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Jed Larson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

5. Public Comment - none

6. Old Business – Discussion/Possible Action - none

7. New Business – Take Receipt/Discussion

a. Permit Application #IWWC 23-19: Eric Anderson (Town of Andover), **17 School Rd.** Installation of a concrete pad for two Propane tanks, a portion of which is in wetlands.

Reviewed permit application regarding propane tank (two 1,000 gal) installation and concrete pad for emergency backup – discussed wetlands area that are impacted, drainage from parking lot(s), flagged wetlands area, other potential locations.

Duncan Phye MOTIONED to receive the application #IWWC 23-19 for concrete pad installation. Jan Maschi SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

b. Jurisdictional Ruling Review- #IWWC 23-17(JR): Austin Harmon, **63 Burnap Brook Rd.** Wetlands crossings for an approximately 54-acre timber harvest of “sawlog”-size and dead or dying trees.

Austin Harmon gave information regarding proposed timber harvest – goal is to open up forest canopy for sunlight and natural regeneration. Two wetlands’ crossings and two drainage crossings associated with the harvest – could use temporary bridge or corduroy, discussed machinery to be used and types of trees to be cut and harvested – discussed previous timber harvest in 2019 on property. Hank spoke from CC regarding crossings, vernal pool locations, potential permitting for temp crossings – shared maps of crossings/pre-existing road/property from application (insert link), weather conditions for harvest (potential ground freeze) – hoping to complete within the next month – contact third party source or DEEP for wetlands mapping – Agent Wagner weighed in – reviewed temporary bridge drawing.

Jed Larson MOTIONED that the Inland Wetlands Commission has jurisdiction over the proposed timber harvest, and an application is required. Duncan Phye SECONDED. Discussion regarding trail around wetlands, and having wetlands area fully identified, crossing options and potential site walk (Saturday, November 18th, 2023 at 9:00am). MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

Jan Maschi MOTIONED to receive the application #IWWC 23-17(JR). Duncan Phye SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0. Will need to review specifics of crossings at next meeting.

8. Agent Report/Enforcement Actions

a. Agent Approval of Application **#IWWC 23-13**: Frank Lenge, **64 Long Hill Rd.** Replacement of a septic tank and leaching system within the 100-foot URA of Blackman's Brook. – Agent Wagner Reviewed

b. Agent Approval of Application **#IWWC 23-14**: Andrew Dayon, **226 Route 6.** Replacement of septic tank and leaching system within the 100-foot URA of a wetland. – Agent Wagner Reviewed

c. Agent Approval of Application **#IWWC 23-15**: Justin McAvoy-LaFlamme, **10 Webster La.** Placement of a pre-built 12-foot by 20-foot wooden shed within the 100- foot URA of a wetland. New home build – Agent Wagner Reviewed

d. Agent Approval of Application **#IWWC 23-18**: Chris Morrell, **31 Lakeside Dr.** Replacement of leaching system and connection to existing tank within the 200-foot URA of Andover Lake. Beginning soon – Agent Wagner Reviewed

Other items in progress:

409 Lake Road C/O request, reviewed wetlands area

760 East Street, re-doing stream Agent Wagner reviewed progress – will revisit once completed

Tree farm pond work on trees and brush

Grimaldi property wetlands/filling

9. Other Business

a. **Approval of Annual Report** – Duncan Phye MOTIONED to approve the Annual Report as presented. Jan Maschi SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

10. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, December 4th, 2023 @ 7:00pm

11. Adjournment – Jed Larson MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Jan Maschi SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0