

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Chair Meghan Lally, Vice Chairman George Elliott, Jed Larson, Jim Hallisey, William Monroe

Members Absent: Ed Smith

Others Present: Joseph Wagner – Wetland Agent, Mindy Gosselin – Board Clerk, Chris Casadei, Ruby and Nahin Puerto, Kurt Boehm, Austin Burrows, Jeff Miner

1. CALL TO ORDER: M. Lally called the regular meeting to order at 8:42 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL/SEATING OF ALTERNATES: W. Monroe was seated.
3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES IN ORDER TO AGENDA:

G. Elliott MOVED to relocate Item 11c. to become the new Item 5. J. Larson SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

The October 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes were amended as follows:

G. Elliott is mentioned throughout the minutes; Elliott was spelt incorrectly. ~~Eliot~~ or ~~Eliot~~ should be corrected to **Elliott**.

Agenda Item 5a. “J. Larson MOVED to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes ~~as amended~~.”

Agendas Item 5b. “Change ‘seasonal watercourse’ terminology to ‘seasonal or storm event runoff’. **The terms watercourse and wetlands are defined in the regulations under sections 2.3.6 and 2.3.7. Any questions regarding these terms should refer to the regulations.**”

Agenda Item 6a. “J Larson MOVED to approve application IWWC 20-26... ~~J. Larson E. Smith~~ SECONDED.”

Agenda Item 6b. “...This would ~~automatically~~ trigger a public hearing on the application.”

Agenda Item 7a. “G. Elliott expressed that there may needs to be a next step.”

G. Elliott MOVED to approve the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. J. Hallisey SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

5. Duly Authorized Agent Nomination: Joe Wagner

Agent Wagner completed the CT DEEP Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program on August 17th, 2020. He has been working for Andover since the July IWWC meeting.

M. Lally asked the Commission to consider duly authorizing Agent Wagner to do approvals in the Upland Review Area that are not considered a significant impact to the wetlands. The Commission can limit such approvals to certain types of activities if they wish.

The Commission opted to have applications screened by Agent Wagner. He could then handle the application himself or refer them to the Commission as needed.

G. Elliott MOVED to authorize Joseph Wagner as a Duly Authorized Agent. J. Hallisey SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

7. SHOW CAUSE HEARING / [JURISDICTIONAL REVIEW](#)

- a. **IWWC 20-31JR**: Chris Casadei (Agent) on behalf of Andover Sportsman's Club (Property Owner), **122 Route 6** (Andover, CT), timber harvest and associated activities in a watercourse and associated URA.

Agent Wagner explained the application materials and summarized the enforcement order from October 29, 2020.

Chris Casadei, a certified forester, explained the application's timber harvest map. This property was last harvested 15 years ago, there are existing town roads. There is one wetland crossing in Bolton and two in Andover. Both towns were contacted and Bolton has approved the application. The proposed activities include a timber harvest of dying emerald ash borer and dying oak trees. They would also like to thin the rest of the stand. The project is cut to length. The harvest edge and wetlands have been delineated.

Agent Wagner visited the site on November 2, 2020. Site pictures were shared, they included the wetland crossing as depicted on the timber harvest map provided. There is no new activity within the wetland or watercourse.

G. Elliott asked a question about whether the wetland crossing constitutes as deposition of material in a wetland. M. Lally stated that Agent Wagner's pictures show timber placed on already established wetland crossings. It does not appear that the wetland crossing was just created. G. Elliott agrees with M. Lally. J. Larson questioned if the corduroy should be removed once the harvest ends.

C. Casadei stated that in this situation, the timber on the ground protects the crossings for both passive recreation and timber harvest. The timber decomposes naturally into the forest floor and makes the ground more stable.

G. Elliott MOVED that this application IWWC 20-31JR is within the Commission's jurisdiction. J. Hallisey SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION FAILED 0:5:0.

The cease and desist order was discussed.

G. Elliott MOVED to withdraw the cease and desist order issued for 122 Route 6. J. Larson SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0.

8. AUTHORIZED AGENT APPROVAL

- a. **IWWC 20-29:** Richard Risley, **85 Lakeside Drive** (Andover, CT), application to remove 2 trees in the upland review area of Andover Lake. **Agent received 10/8/2020; Approved with conditions 10/23/2020.**

M. Lally stated that this application was within the upland review area and had no significant impacts to the wetland anticipated. She approved the application as a duly authorized agent, on behalf of the Commission. Agent Wagner visited the site and agreed with M. Lally issuing the approval.

J. Hallisey questioned if this application would be non-jurisdictional. M. Lally stated that it is be a case by case basis.

9. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- a. **IWWC 20-28:** Kurt Boehm, **33 Route 87** (Andover, CT), application to install a 12' x 32' shed in the 100' upland review area of an unnamed tributary to the Hop River.

Agent Wagner presented the application and described the site map. It was stated that the existing shed would be moved 10 feet onto the driveway, further from the wetlands. There would be hay bale erosion control measures in place. Banks would be stabilized with fabric and 6- to 8-inch rip rap to prevent erosion in the future.

M. Lally asked if this satisfies the remediation requirements of the cease and correct order. Agent Wagner stated that it does take into consideration the requirements and engineer Andrew Bushnell's recommendations. The initial suggestion was to move the shed 6 feet North, and the applicant is moving it 10 feet North. M. Lally also asked if this application involves wetlands. Agent Wagner said that the shed is in the Upland Review Area.

M. Lally asked if there will be removal of fill and concrete. Agent Wagner stated that the relocation of the shed will allow the material that was deposited in the wetland previously to be removed. It would then be stabilized with the rest of the bank.