

Town of Andover
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Monday, October 4th 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Website Platform

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: George Elliott, Jed Larson, and William Munroe

Member Absent: Ed Smith (alternate)

Others Present: Joseph Wagner – Wetland Agent, Abbie Winter – Board Clerk, and Brenda and Wayne Fazzino

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Chair G.Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) ROLL CALL/SEATING OF ALTERNATES: No alternates were seated.
- 3) CHANGES IN ORDER TO AGENDA: None.
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

G.Elliott MOVED to approve the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. J.Larson SECONDED.

Item 9e: J.Wagner reported that M.Carroll was replacing a foundation and is using the concrete ~~rubber~~ **rubble** to construct a ramp on their old farm road.

By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

- 5) PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

- 6) [OLD BUSINESS](#)

- a. IWWC21-15: Town of Andover, Bunker Hill Rd Bridge- Temporary repairs on culverts crossing the Hop River.

The Commission reported no updates on the bridge's construction. J.Wagner reported the Town is trying to open it as a one lane bridge.

G.Elliott MOVED to approve application IWWC21-15 for temporary repairs on Bunker Hill Road bridge. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

- b. IWWC 21-19: Brenda and Wayne Fazzino, 268 Lake Rd- Rebuilding existing lake wall using existing stone and new stone on shoreline of Andover Lake

Applicants Brenda and Wayne Fazzino are present.

J.Wagner reported the ALMA letter of approval is now on file. He reached out to Public Works about options for the culvert and has not heard back. He looked into the Connecticut Stormwater Manual for retrofit options for the culvert, and found options to dig up the pipe

and lawn and design a filtration basin or channel, or install a deeper catchment basin or filtration device inside of the storm drain. G.Elliott stated this is up to ALMA to initiate action on this, since it regards discharge into the lake.

G.Elliott asked the applicants if they spoke to their contractor about the drainage discharge from the basement. W.Fazzino said an alternate option is to drain the cellar into a dry well; additionally the Fazzinos are considering rebuilding the house in the near future and are willing to pursue a temporary fix until the house is rebuilt. G.Elliott stated discharge will need to be directed underground through the filter paper, a foot of crushed stone, and to the backfill stone behind the lakefront stonewall as an appropriate short term solution to avoid discharging directly into the lake.

W.Monroe asked how much water is generally discharged out of the pipe. B.Fazzino stated it is mostly dry and a trickle during rain.

J.Wagner will add the condition to terminate the drain pipe to the permit's conditions of approval.

There was discussion regarding how the contractor will get an excavator to the property's shoreline.

G.Elliott MOVED to approve the permit application with the additional condition of the modification of the cellar discharge as discussed and included in Agent Wagner's comment. J.Larson SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

7) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- a. Notice of Violation: 93 Townsend Rd- Unpermitted placement of two shipping containers within 100-foot Upland Review Area.

G.Elliott stated the Commission approved an application for this property in 2019 for a driveway crossing a wetland. The storage containers were noticed shortly after the permit was issued, and they still remain.

J.Wagner called the permittee about the storage containers in June, and the permittee stated he would store the containers there for about a month, meanwhile they still haven't been moved.

J.Wagner wrote a letter on September 27th to ask the permittee to either move the containers or apply for a permit. The permittee stated he intends to move them. J.Wagner will call to follow up later this week.

8) APPROVAL OF 2022 IWWC MEETING SCHEDULE

G.Elliott revised the meeting schedule for 2022, continuing the current schedule to meet on the 1st Monday of the month. If the first Monday is during a holiday or follows a holiday weekend, then the meeting will be the second Tuesday. Therefore the proposed 2022 meeting dates are:

January 11, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 12, August 1, September 13, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

G. Elliott MOVED to approve the schedule. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

9) AGENT REPORT

- a. Approved Administrative Permit (Agent)- IWWC 21-20: Roberto Rodrigues, 85 Bear Swamp Road- Placement of a 14-foot by 30-foot prefabricated shed on a base of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch stone within the 100-foot Upland Review Area of a wetland.

J.Wagner reported the shed is in the 100-foot Upland Review Area of a brook and small pond. It is on a relatively flat grass lawn, and there is no clearing involved with placing the shed.

- b. Revised culvert plan for a previously approved permit - IWWC20-36: 26 Old Farms Rd.

J.Wagner stated the Commission approved this permit earlier this year for a wetlands crossing. The permittee shared a new culvert plan with J.Wagner since the prefabricated box culvert in the approved plan substantially increased in price since the permit's approval. The permittee now wants to use an open-box cast-in-place culvert, which will be the same dimensions as the previously approved culvert but will be bottomless. J.Wagner reported this type of culvert will disturb the stream less than the originally approved culvert, since the stream bottom does not need to be excavated and it maintains the original stream bottom. J.Wagner stated the zoning agent will send this new culvert plan to the town engineer for review.

G.Elliott agreed this is a minor plan modification, and he maintained that the Commission should consider it officially during the next meeting since it is a permanent modification.

There was discussion about the cost-prohibitive considerations during the approval process, and why this open-box culvert wasn't considered an option originally. J.Wagner clarified that this open-box culvert was not originally considered as a financially feasible option because at that time, the prefabricated culvert was a considerably cheaper option.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

W.Monroe stated that a sink hole formed at the end of Rose Lane after a summer storm. J.Wagner stated he will forward the message to Public Works and the Town Administrator.

G.Elliott reported he submitted the regulations and proposed revisions to DEEP. He has not heard back yet. He will follow up if he does not hear back soon.

G.Elliott stated that the electronic PermitLink system raises the need to amend the Commission regulation regarding copying permit submissions.

11) NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, November 1st 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

12) ADJOURNMENT

G.Elliott MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted by Abbie Winter,

Abbie Winter

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.