

TOWN OF ANDOVER
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 7th, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was canceled due to a technical problem with the state mandated notification requirement; the commission was 1 day short of providing the required 10-day notice prior to the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Member Absent: Ed Smith (Alternate)

Others Present: Joseph Wagner - Wetland Agent, Abbie Winter - Board Clerk, Gary McCullough, David Stearns, and Jeff Hays

5) CALL TO ORDER: Chair G.Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

6) ROLL CALL/SEATING OF ALTERNATES: No alternates were seated.

7) CHANGES IN ORDER TO AGENDA:

G.Elliott MOVED to add "Consideration to reschedule public hearing regarding proposed changes to IWWC regulations" to item 11 - Other Business. J.Larson SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

J.Larson MOVED to approve the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. W.Monroe SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

10) OLD BUSINESS - Discussion/Possible Action

Permit Application IWWC 21-27: Gary McCullough, 3 Lakeside Drive- Replacing an existing stone wall with a stacked stone wall made of natural fieldstone on the shoreline of Andover Lake and constructing an approximately 15-foot by 15-foot perched beach within the 200-foot Upland Review Area of Andover Lake.

The applicant Gary McCullough and his contractor Kyle Stearns were present.

The Commission reviewed the revised site plan. G.McCullough noted Kyle Stearns is a contractor assisting with the project. He noted the revised plan includes the use of flat fieldstone, pressure-treated boards, filter fabric and crushed stone behind the wall, and moving the raised beach back 6 feet.

J.Larson asked for clarification on the drawing's scale to confirm that the beach is 15 feet wide.

G.McCullough noted the drawing is not to scale - he confirmed the beach is planned to be 15 feet wide, and he will be using 4x8 boards not 4x6 boards as previously mentioned.

G.McCullough noted the sand is currently stored by his shed 200+ feet away, and by the

proposed fire pit area. G.McCullough plans to build the beach and wall as soon as possible after granted permission by the Commission. The wall will be done next fall if the water level is raised before the wall is completed.

J.Larson asked if there is erosion or sediment control of the sand currently in place.

G.McMullough and G.Elliott confirmed, and mentioned J.Wagner will discuss this during the Agent Report later on the agenda.

J.Larson asked if the proposed beach area will be dug out, and where will the soil be displaced. McCullough said he will dig the beach area out to make the sand level, and he will spread the displaced dirt around the yard away from the lake.

G.Elliott stated erosion control should be in place until the grass area grows in.

J.Hays noted the wall is consistent with what ALMA allowed in other properties, provided that G.McCullough will not use mortar. He reported the lake will be raised on March 19th or 26th depending on if there is ice on the lake. If there is ice, the lake will be raised once the ice melts.

G.Elliott MOVED to approve Permit Application IWWC 21-27 with the revisions dated March 2, 2022 based on the applicant's care to avoid negative impacts on the watercourse, Andover Lake, with standard conditions applied. W.Munroe SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

11) OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Consideration to reschedule public hearing regarding proposed changes to IWWC regulations.

G.Elliott noted the next available opportunity for the hearing is during the next regular meeting, April 4th.

G.Elliott MOVED to reschedule the public hearing on regulations to April 4th immediately prior to the regular meeting. J.Larson SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

12) AGENT REPORT/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- a. 3 Lakeside Drive- Update on remediation of unpermitted placement of sand in Andover Lake.

J.Wagner showed the sand set aside for the perched beach, pending commission approval.

- b. Merritt Valley Road (map 33 block 33 lot 11-1)- Remediation of uncontrolled erosion and deposition of sediment into a watercourse.

J.Wagner showed pictures of the eroded sediment, flowing past the failed silt fences and hay bales.

J.Wagner mentioned the property is used for growing fruit trees, and the owner may eventually build a house there. The watercourse here runs behind the property owner's property, and runs under Merritt Valley Road and into the tree farm across the street.

J.Wagner noted the property owner has been cooperative - he removed sediment, put rock down, added additional layers of sediment fences and hay bales.

- c. Agent Approval of Permit Application IWWC 22-01: Mary Palliardi, 222 Route 6- Construction of a stone patio and pergola, and construction of a 9x12 shed on an existing concrete slab within the 100-foot Upland Review Area of a wetland.

J.Wagner approved this permit on February 8th. The permit is to replace an old shed on an existing concrete slab with a new shed, and to construct a new stone patio, pergola, and raised garden.

13) NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, April 4th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

14) ADJOURNMENT

W.Munroe MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. J.Larson SECONDED. By roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Abbie Winter,

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