

**Town of Andover**  
**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission**  
Town Hall Community Room at 17 School Road, Andover, CT  
Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Rick Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. Roll Call / Seating of Alternates

Members Present: Rick Osborne, Ed Smith, Jed Larson  
Members Absent: Mike Landolphi, Wayne Thorpe  
Alternate Present: George Elliot, Jim Hallisey  
Alternate Absent: Meghan Lally  
Wetlands Agent: John Valente  
Applicants Present: Vincent and Patricia Grimaldi

Jim Hallisey seated for Wayne Thorpe  
George Elliot seated for Mike Landolphi  
Rick Osborne subbing for Chair Mike Landolphi

3. Additions / Changes to Agenda

None.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Old Business

- a. Review application for Vincent and Patricia Grimaldi for activity of 353 Lake Road, Map 32, Block 41, Lot 16. Crossing wetlands to access new single family home.

Vincent Grimaldi presented updated plans to the commission:

Moved home 60ft back from the road, giving favorable distance from the wetlands.

Determined location of home and well.

Will use the existing driveway by sharing front section and splitting off to the second home.

Requested recommendations from the commission on how to mitigate the wetlands.

Wetlands Agent John Valente:

Stated it is favorable that the revised plans present the house located at over 50ft from the wetlands.

Applicant needing to conduct soil testing is a significant cost and believes there is plenty of land on the approximate 22 acres to find a suitable area for a septic system in the future.

Discussion on if Grimaldi's need to present to the Planning and Zoning Commission due to a past subdivision and that it may be a question for the Town Attorney Mark Branse.

Decision made to not to have to go to P&ZC since the one side of original lot is on the Town of Columbia side.

John Valente suggested that installing wetlands elsewhere to mitigate is a major project:

Shared there is an obvious opportunity for a modest mitigation by installing a modified plunge pool on the side of the driveway against the bank. With a rip rap channel down to the existing stream it would run to the lake, acting as a filter by picking up some of the sediment. Soil would not retain the water, therefore, it will not be a vernal pool. He will review with Gerry Hardisty.

Discussion on the method the applicant will use to mitigate the land with loss of wetlands:

Ed Smith suggested that the installation of native plants or removal of invasive species to count as partial mitigation.

Applicants stated that the landscaping plans include a grassy lawn and small plantings.

Suggestion made for local naturalist Carrie Crompton of the Conservation Commission to make plant suggestions.

Ed Smith offered to visit the property following the meeting. Applicant's surveyor placed flags on the property to locate the project. Jed Larson visited the site before the meeting.

John Valente to speak with both Gerry Hardisty and the applicant to mitigate the loss of wetlands.

John Valente suggested to the commission that the project is not a significant change to the wetlands. Commission needs to decide if it is a significant change to the wetlands, deciding whether the application will go to a Public Hearing or not:

George Elliot questioned on what else would be accomplished by hosting a Public Hearing.

John Valente shared that a similar situation on a different property occurred approximately one year ago with no place to build on the dry side, having to cross about 100ft of wetlands.

The commission determined that it was not significant activity. Applicants had removed invasive species for mitigation.

Commission decided that a Public Hearing would not benefit the application.

George Elliot MOVED to regard the application as a non significant activity to the wetlands.

Ed Smith SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

- b. Review 6/3 IWWC Special Meeting approval and 6/5 BOS Meeting results on Conservation Commission application to improve access at Doris E. Chamberlain Nature Pond via Hebron Road and neighboring trails.

Wetlands Agent John Valente provided update:

Application has been approved by both the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Board of Selectman.

See previous Special Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2019 for full project details.

He explained new procedure of town commissions and committees being required to complete applications with the corresponding commission in order to work on any future projects occurring on town property.

- c. Discuss updating IWWC Regulations to be in compliance with legislative changes.

Commission to determine a date for a Public Hearing on the same date as another already existing Public Hearing date scheduled in order to save town funds and time.

6. New Business

- a. Plan for election of officers with new term beginning on July 1, 2019.

Due to lack of members in attendance this item was tabled until July 1, 2019.

7. Conservation Commission Report

See above.

8. Administrative Report

None.

9. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval of Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes.

George Elliot MOVED to approve the Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes.

Jed Larson SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

- b. Approval of Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting Minutes.

George Elliot MOVED to approve the Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting Minutes.

Ed Smith SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

10. Public Participation

None.

11. Adjournment

Rick Osborne adjourned the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

Meeting Minutes helpfully submitted by Board Clerk, Amanda Gibson.

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