

Town of Andover
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Town Hall Community Room at 17 School Road, Andover, CT
Monday, November 4th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Special Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Chair Meghan Lally called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. Roll Call / Seat Alternates

Regular Members Present: Chair Meghan Lally, Vice Chair George Elliot, Jed Larson, Jim Hallisey

Regular Members Absent: Ed Smith

Alternate Members Present: None.

Alternate Members Absent: Richard Osborne, Wayne Thorpe

Wetlands Agent Present: Joshua Snarski

Town Administrator: Eric Anderson

Board Clerk: Amanda Gibson

Applicants: Janusz Jandzinski of 40 Townsend Road, Jeff Miher of 410 Lake Road

Conservation Biologist/Herpetologist & Conservation Commission Member: Hank Gruner

Conservation Commission: Chair Mike Palazzi

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. October 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

George Elliot MOVED to approve the October 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Jed Larson SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1 (Jim Hallisey abstained)

4. Public Participation

Sandra Nichols has concerns regarding the property of 33 Route 87, with impact of shed construction near her property line.

5. Pending Applications: None Pending

None.

6. Receipt of New Applications:

a. Application of Janusz Jandzinski, for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for demolition of a residential building via controlled burning, at 40 Townsend Road (Map 27 Block 20 Lot 9A).

Applicant Janusz Jandzinski presented full site plans and an original letter from the Andover Fire Department along with copies. Stated that the fire department will use this controlled burning for training purposes.

Members questioned if water or chemicals will be used.

Town Administrator Eric Anderson: Shared the usual process for demolition burning which is stripping the asphalt shingles, removing oil tank, etc. Burn in 2-3 stages with the residual being trucked out.

Members scheduled a Site Walk for Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Vice Chair George Elliot to take Site Walk Minutes.

b. Application of Jeff Miner, for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the construction of a stone wall and related excavation, at 410 Lake Road (Map 44, Block 47 Lot 440).

Applicant Jeff Miner to extend the sea wall previously built last year. Presented site plans with details of the property with sea wall construction plans and adjacent owners noted. Hopes to begin the job end of November or early December.

Members had the applicant confirm that he has filed an application with ALPOA. He will present letters of approval from ALPOA at the next meeting.

Members requested no Site Walk as the commission had already seen the property last year when application for original stone wall was submitted and approved.

- c. Application of Town of Andover, for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for Connectivity Grant at (Route 6 and Center Street and Long Hill Road) *See attached list for Map, Block, Lot list and maps.

No further details submitted. To hopefully address at the next IWWC meeting.

7. Pre-Application Meeting Request:

- a. Request for a pre-application meeting by the Town of Andover, for tree removal activity to be conducted adjacent to the Hop River on town-owned land on Riverside Drive/Long Hill Road (Map 27, Block 7, Lot 21A)

Town Administrator Eric Anderson: There are 4 large dead trees between the Athletic Fields and the Hop River. They have already lost some limbs. They jeopardize the fence and children playing in the field. Town of Andover is looking to remove the 4 trees. Canopy loss over the river will happen naturally or not. It is estimated at \$6-9k to remove the trees. It is ideal to do the work sometime in the middle of winter when the ground is frozen. Also depends on when the town has funds to do it.

Jed Larson: Requested for the trees to be marked.

Eric Anderson: Recommended walking with Scott Person who is knowledgeable of the trees' locations.

Members scheduled a Site Walk on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. at the Athletic Fields.

8. Conservation Commission Report

Chair Mike Palazzi: Shared that approximately 30ft more of work was done on the trail this past weekend by volunteers. The committee needs the town to deliver more stones to the site. Hoping to do work this upcoming weekend.

Hank Gruner: Shared more information regarding the 'Gravel Operation' that was permitted this past year by the IWWC. Project was late in start in early September. Town had monitored installation of the silt fence. There was wood turtle activity and the fence did its job by intercepting a few turtles coming up into the field. The turtles were relocated towards the river. There was repair work required on the fence. Great news is that with the delay in the project activity, the turtles were already moving out of that habitat towards the river. As they finish the project, they are looking at the restoration of the gravel site, particularly the vernal pool which will be left preserved. The idea is to create an ideal turtle nesting habitat.

Mike Palazzi: Members are working with an environmental review team to do assessments of potential properties being donated to the Town of Andover. (Mike Talbot and Northern Land Trust). The areas would be identified as open space with wetlands and these parcels fall in the town's western corridor.

9. New Business:

- a. Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule

George Elliot MOVED to accept the proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (1st Monday if rescheduled)

Jed Larson SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

- b. Alternate Vacancy

Meghan Lally presented the updated IWWC members list and announced that there is a vacancy.

10. Old Business:

- a. Application Packet Revision

Chair Meghan Lally hopes to address at the next Regular Meeting on Monday, December 9th. To change the application to specify the location of the activity and an area for the applicant to provide a description of the activity. Members to bring suggestions for the revision to the next Regular Meeting.

b. IWWC Regulations Revision

Last spring, the regulations were revised and there is a draft that needs to be in alignment with State Statutes. Revision needs to go to a Public Hearing for town approval soon.

11. Public Participation

Town Administrator Eric Anderson: Per his advice from Land Use Attorney Mark Branse, it is not a conflict of interest for Jim Hallisey to be both the Zoning Enforcement Official and a Member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

12. Chairman's Report

Meghan Lally: Welcomes any advice from the Conservation Commission on pending applications and requested that advice be submitted in a written format for the records.

Attended the IWW/CC Networking Event in Tolland on October 21, 2019 and met other commission members in the region.

Board Clerk Amanda Gibson shared that the previous applicant Chris Morrell representing Lynn Dove of 294 Lake Road for their new septic system has to resubmit plans to the Eastern Highlands Health Department, therefore needing to resubmit application to IWWC. Hope is to get the new septic system installed before the ground freezes.

Members decided not to schedule a Special Meeting in November prior to the Monday, December 9th Regular Meeting.

13. Commission Open Discussion

Jim Hallisey: Attended the Erosion Control Field Day hosted by the Southern New England Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Jed Larson: Recommended to work on the IWWC Regulations revisions prior to the Application Packet revisions.

14. Adjournment

George Elliot MOVED to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Jim Hallisey SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

Chair Meghan Lally adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:17 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.