

On Feb. 22, 2022 @ 4:11 pm

Attest: Cynthia J. Mattau
Town Clerk est.

**Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Minutes
February 15, 2022**

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting on February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Members present: Ralph Wells, Randy Stilwell, Joe Campbell, Jeff Joslyn
and Tom Sinkewicz
Members absent: Ron Desjardins
Staff present: Ryan Brais, WEO

Randy Stilwell, Vice Chairman opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Z2021-2212 Continuation of Spicer Road Realty, LLC** requesting a permit for resurfacing an existing gravel road with 1,600 SF of wetlands disturbance on property located on Black Hill, Assessor's Map 7, Block 53A, Lot 55.

Rick Rovero, PE Provost and Rovero reviewed the plans for Bruce Barn's proposed activity for 20 acres of a 50-acre site to excavate sand and gravel for his own use. He proposes 10 trucks per day. All activity, upgrading of existing access road is out of the regulated area. The existing road is wooded to a cabin. He said the only regulated activity is upgrade of the road itself. The upgrade will be 6" gravel topper and will cross a small wetland. They looked at probable and feasible alternatives. They will use a geo textile mat filter fabric. This will prevent rutting and potholes. He noted that erosion and sediment controls are on the plans, and he showed the drainage. He said 30 cu. yds. Of processed gravel will installed on the wetland area.

Linda Silvia, 197 Black Hill Rd. asked what the existing road was used for. Mr. Rovero stated that it is a gravel access road to a cabin. He added that the proposed access way is only wide enough for a 10-wheeler. He said it is not for commercial activity and will have minimal wetland impact.

Ms. Silvia stated that it goes along her property and was concerned about lowering the property value.

Michelle Marcotte, 201 Black Hill Rd. was concerned about setting a precedent to allow it to morph into an access road for O&G Gravel. Mr. Rovero said it is a relatively small operation. He said it is bound by Desjardins on the south and O&G is bound by a substantial wetland. The proposed activity is out of the wetland area.

Ryan Brais noted that reference of the daily activity is a Planning and Zoning question. The application is currently before Planning and Zoning who regulates the amount of material. He said they will be limited to 10 trucks per day and any change would have to come back to Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning.

Randy Stilwell inquired about hay bales and silt fence. Mr. Rovero said silt fence with hay bales on one side and could do on the other side, with the geo mat you typically don't. Mr. Stilwell inquired about the

30 cu. yds. Mr. Rovero clarified that it will be 6" only for the wetland area of the road. He said there will be no crushing equipment.

Sean Peterson asked if a pipe is needed. Mr. Brais stated that the geo textile allows water flow. Mr. Rovero noted that Joe Theroux, Soil Scientist did not realize it was wetland.

- Ralph Wells motioned to close the Public Hearing on Z2021-2012. Jeff Joslyn seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- **b. Z2021-2237 of Sangermano Properties, LLC** requesting approval to construct a single-family home with well, septic & driveway, including a wetland crossing with 2,000sf of wetlands alteration on property located at 0 New Rd, Assessor's Map 31, Block 60, Lot 1.

Demian Sorrentino, Certified Planner and Soil Scientist, Boundaries, LLC stated that the property was purchased for a subdivision. Upon delineation by Joe Theroux, Soil Scientist it was indicated how much wetland was on the site. Water crosses the property and flows under New Road. The minimum buildable area did not support a subdivision, so they are proposing 1 house. He said the 15 percent slope requirement mandates crossing of a wetland. It will be a 15 percent paved driveway with 2 15" HD pipes and modified rip rap, scour hole. He said there will be 2,000 sq. ft. of inland wetland disturbance. Randy Stilwell asked there is an existing slope. Mr. Sorrentino stated that it is 4-1, the driveway is the maximum 15 %.

Mr. Brais stated that the culvert to storm drainage should be regraded and both culverts should be protected by hay bales. Mr. Sorrentino agreed to it.

- Ralph Wells motioned to close the Public Hearing on Z2021-2237. Joe Campbell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

Election of Officers

Ryan Brais noted that Ron Desjardins was not interested continue as chairman.

Tom Sinkewicz nominated Randy Stilwell as Chairman.

Ralph Wells nominated Joseph Campbell as Co-Chairman.

Jeff Joslyn nominated Ralph Wells as Secretary.

Jeff Joslyn motioned to approve the nominated slate of officers. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Randy Stilwell, Chairman

Joseph Campbell, Vice Chairman

Ralph Wells, Secretary

Ralph Wells motioned to add Z2022-2282 United Ag and Turf Northeast to the agenda. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Review and Act on the minutes of the meeting on 12-21-21

Tom Sinkewicz motioned to approve the minutes of December 21, 2021. Ralph Wells seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business

- a. **Z2021-2212 continuation of Spicer Road Realty, LLC** requesting a permit for resurfacing an existing gravel road with 1,600 SF of wetlands disturbance on property located on Black Hill, Assessor's Map 7, Block 53A, Lot 55.

Mr. Brais recommended installation of silt fence on both sides of the road.

Ralph Wells motioned to approve Z2021-2212 with condition of silt fence and hay bales will also be placed on the east side of the road. Jeff Joslyn seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. **Z2021-2237 continuation of Sangermano Properties, LLC** requesting approval to construct a single-family home with well, septic & driveway, including a wetland crossing with 2,000sf of wetlands alteration on property located at 0 New Rd, Assessor's Map 31, Block 60, Lot 1.

Mr. Brais recommended conditions of drainage swale, erosion control in blanket, storm drainage culvert would have hay bales.

Joe Campbell motioned to accept Z2021-2237 with conditions The road drainage swale south of the driveway is to be graded to drain into the storm drainage culvert and re-vegetated. Erosion control blanket shall be placed in swale and maintained until stabilized. Both storm drainage culverts in the area of construction are to be guarded with haybales until the site is stabilized. Ralph Wells seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

- a. **Z2022-2263 of Joshua Deloge** requesting permission to construct a gravel access road for hunting and woodcutting on property located at 0 Starkweather Rd. Assessor's Map 24, Block 57, Lot 28.

Joshua Deloge and Andrew Smith reviewed their plans to construct a road and silt fence. They will add rubber razors to slow flow. Wetlands were flagged by Joe Theroux, Soil Scientist. Mr. Brais noted that the application is a reaction of a Notice of Violation and will require filling of 1056 sq. ft. of wetlands. Mr. Deloge noted that Mr. Theroux recommended the rubber buffer. Mr. Brais said it will replace water bars and no engineer was hired. He suggested an engineer review. He was concern about the steepness of the road. Mr. Deloge stated that the hay bales will remain up.

Mr. Brais noted that the wetland disturbance requires public hearing.

Jeff Joslyn motioned to schedule Z2022-2263 to Public Hearing. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. Z2022-2265 of American Industries** requesting permission for an Earth Excavation in an upland area at 0 Norwich Rd and Roode Rd. Assessor's Map 5, Block 3, Lot 1. RA-60 Zoning District.

Kyle Halbert, CLA Engineers reviewed the plans for 103 acres to be earth excavation of sand and gravel, 33.6 acres of material to be excavated and removed. There will be no crusher. He noted that the wetlands are on the portion on southern boundary. Bob Russo, CSS, CLA Engineering delineated the wetlands and reviewed the proposed development.

Mr. Halbert noted that there will be 9 separate phases. The topsoil will be stripped and used for restoration. It will be graded to excavate a bowl. There will be no stormwater discharge from the site, all will slope into the site. Each phase will be stabilized with topsoil. He said erosion and sediment controls will be used throughout the phases. The entrance will have a paved apron, hay bales with silt fence. All slopes are 3-1 maximum. The Final product will be a grass field. Limits of disturbance follow the topography. Bob Russo said some of the work is in upland review area with no direct wetland impact. They will create a berm, and the slope will remain. The eastern edge of excavation will come up to a ridge with existing vegetation. He said stormwater will stay in the basin. There will be an area for wildlife. He said the impact is minimal grading and will protect the wetland.

Mr. Stilwell inquired about monitoring wells. Mr. Russo noted that they are already in place. Mr. Halbert said the settling basin will remain in place.

Mr. Brais noted that the application was accepted by default and can be acted on tonight. Mr. Stilwell asked about the planting schedule. Mr. Halbert said all the wooded portion will remain. Mr. Russo said it will be a field.

Tom Sinkewicz motioned to approve Z2022-2265. Joe Campbell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. Z2022-2267 of Moosup River Estates** requesting an additional unit within the upland review area at property located on Ward Ave. Assessor's Map 23, Block 94C, Lot 12.

Greg Glaude, LLS, Killingly Engineering reviewed the plans for an additional unit at Moosup River Estates. He said it is 80 percent constructed with 33 of 39 units complete. They plan to add a 39th unit on Henry Drive. They will bring up the grading to keep water flowing away. They will have a silt fence prior to construction and is fairly flat.

Mr. Brais noted that the application was accepted by default.

Joe Campbell motioned to accept Z2022-2267. Ralph Wells seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- d. Z2022-2268 of Lee Parker** requesting approval to construct a single-family residence within an upland review area at property located on Jackson Rd. Assessor's Map 7, Block 53A, Lot 40C.

The applicant has requested to continue the application.

Ralph Wells motioned to continue Z2022-2268. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- e. **Z2022-2269 of Lyman Development Corp** requesting permission to create new interior driveways within an upland review area on property located at 226-230 and 238 Norwich Rd. Assessor's Map 15, Block 56, Lots 7 & 7A

Bruce Woodis, LLS, KWP Associates reviewed the plans for the former Central Ford site. He said there are 3 commercial buildings with driveway proposed. There is a small wetland in the regulated area. Mr. Brais said it is a site plan with Planning and Zoning.

Ralph Wells motioned to approve Z2022-2269. Joe Campbell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- f. **Z2022-2282 – of United Ag & Turf Northeast** requesting permission to construct a 7.780 sf addition, pavement modifications, and drainage improvements totaling .80 AC upland disturbance on property located at 20 Excalibur Blvd. Assessor's Map 17, Block 11, Lot I32.

Ralph Wells motioned to continue Z2022-2282. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Agent Approval

None.

Citizen Participation

None.

Correspondence

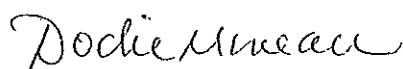
None.

Adjournment

Ralph Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Joe Campbell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

This is a summary of the meeting, and a recording is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Dodie Mineau

Recording Secretary