

On OCT 21 2021 at 5:26pm

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Barbi J. Gardiner, Town Clerk

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

AMENDED MINUTES

September 21, 2021

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a Regular Meeting on September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Town Hall.

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

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

- A. **Z2021-2185 – Show Cause hearing for Joshua Deloge and Andrew Smith** for unpermitted work within an upland review area on property located at 0 Starkweather Rd., Assessor’s Map 24, Block 57, Lot 28.

Ryan Brais stated that the show cause hearing is for a violation at Starkweather Road. He stated that the property owners Andrew Smith and Joshua Deloge were told that were able to work in the upper part and not to work below the ridge line, which they did. Now there is a wide-open area. Joshua Deloge said that he tried to call twice to discuss. Mr. Brais reminded the owners that he said do not go past the ridge line. Now there is 100 ft. clear run to the wetland. Mr. Deloge said he has installed silt fence and there is gravel with no erosion. He said it was not eroded during the last hurricane. He said that the trucks were digging down. Andrew Smith said he has no problem with getting a driveway permit. Mr. Brais stated that we are here to address the wetland issue tonight. Mr. Smith said they went out to correct it Saturday and showed photos. Mr. Brais noted that it was a halfway decent job. Mr. Deloge stated that they are willing to work with the IWO. Randy Stilwell inquired about using fabric. They did not. Mr. Smith explained the use is for hunting and wood. Mr. Brais said he was concerned that a heavy rain will erode the engineered gravel, adding that the slope is 12-15 percent. Mr. Stilwell inquired about the material. Mr. Brais said it is a fine crushed gravel and the road is not built to shed water. He said the slope is 4-5 percent for a portion.

Tom Sinkewicz motioned to close the hearing. Randy Stilwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda

None

3. Review and Act on the minutes of the meeting of 7-20-21

Randy Stilwell motioned to approve the minutes of 7/20/21. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Unfinished/Old Business

None

5. New Business

- a. **Z2021-2155 of Michael and Diane Rivers** requesting approval to work in an upland review area for modifications to their property at 42 Smith Rd. .08 acres of upland area altered. Assessor's Map 1MP, Block 115F, Lot 5.

David McKay, Boundaries LLC represented the Rivers and reviewed the proposed work at 42 Smith Road at an existing lot 0.3 acres. He noted intermittent watercourse on the property line. He stated that there are 2 parts of the plan. 1. Repair and maintenance of the existing improvements and 2. Address drainage problem. The plan is to remove and replace deck to gain access to the foundation wall. They will install waterproofing and footing drain, and when complete replace with new deck.

They will add small drain, existing shed will be removed and replaced. A sidewalk will be constructed to allow access from the upper to lower portion. The sandy area will be stabilized with rip-rap and retaining wall will be replaced, as well as the stone patio. On the north side the retaining wall will be replaced with modular block. Mr. McKay reviewed the details on the plans. The work is approximately 4,000 sq. ft. in the upland review area.

Mr. Brais asked if the pavers will be similar. Mr. McKay said they will be leveled down. Mr. Desjardins inquired about the sidewalk. Mr. McKay said about 4 ft. and the space between the deck is 15 ft. wide. Mr. Stilwell inquired about filter fabric. He suggested a filter fabric over the yard drain to the grass area.

Mr. Brais noted that the application was received by default last meeting, so it can be acted on tonight. He said he has no issues with the plan and condition of filter fabric over the yard drain.

Randy Stilwell motioned to approve with conditions: Filter fabric to be placed over the yard drain inlet until the site is stabilized. Rip-rap is to be placed south of the garage to mitigate existing erosion. Ralph Wells seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- b. **Z2021-2182 Howard Haggett**, requesting approval to construct a single-family home within the upland review area, and to construct (2) on-site ponds, at property located at 0 Lovers Lane, Assessors Map 8, Block 53A, Lot 139A.

Ryan Brais stated that Howard Haggett purchased the property and is proposing to construct a home and 2 ponds. Half of the house is in the upland review area and the ponds are out of it.

Ralph Wells motioned to table Z2021-2182. Randy Stilwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. **Z2021-2185 -Show Cause Hearing for Joshua Deloge & Andrew Smith** for unpermitted work within an upland review area on property located at 0 Starkweather Rd, Assessor's Map 24, Block 57, Lot 28.

Randy Stilwell suggested the property owners apply for permit, submit all necessary documents and have the site flagged by soil scientist. Mr. Brais suggested a surveyor and engineer team evaluate the site to decide if additional measures are needed.

Randy Stilwell motioned to approve Z2021-2185 with condition of having the wetlands delineated by a soil scientist. An application is to be submitted with a plan prepared by a surveyor and engineer conforming to the requirements of the regulations. The plan is to show the work performed and proposed as recommended by the applicant's engineer, along with erosion and sediment control measures. Tom Sinkewicz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Agent Approval

None

7. Citizens Participation

None

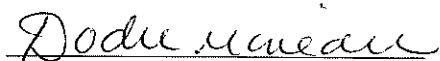
8. Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Ralph Wells motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Randy Stilwell seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dodie Mineau

Recording Secretary