

**COMMISSION HAS NOT YET READ
OR APPROVED THESE MINUTES**

TOWN OF EASTFORD
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
JANUARY 26, 2023 – 7pm

Members Present: Tom DeJohn, Chair; Deb Lee, Vice-Chair; Rob Torcellini, Denis Day, Susan Welshman

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Larkin, Wetland Agent

REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:03PM

Old Business:

- **File # 22-013 Brooklyn Development LLC, Ashford/Westford Roads, Eastford, CT. Construction of private roadway and 24 one-bedroom residences. Fee received: \$810. Decision or Public Hearing by: 12/29/2022. Deadline extension to 01/26/2023.** Engineer Norm Thibault was present at the meeting along with applicant's attorney, Dorian Famiglietti of Kahan Kerensky Capossela LLC. Applicant was present via Zoom. N Thibault presented the reviewed drainage report by Town Engineer, Joe Polulech, P.E. as well as a supplement to the review submitted by J. Polulech. He stated that he was satisfied with the responses and that the comments and requests of the Commission have also been noted. Discussion occurred pertaining to drainage notes for the first phase of development suggested but Mr. Polulech which suggest the use of cape Cod curbing along new roadway to divert water flow from properties. Also discussed was the issue of staking and attorney Famiglietti stated that all activity will be staked including the construction of roads. R Torcellini suggested noting the schedule of maintenance for the level spreader located in the cul-de-sac. D Lee asked if the area not being developed would be brush hogged. N Thibault responded that this area has been mowed for many years and will continue to be mowed. Storm water is not discharged into this area of the development.
MOTION (RTorcellini/D Day) to approve the application with the following conditions:
 1. **Modify maintenance notes to include the maintenance of the level spreader located in the cul-de-sac.**
 2. **Submit stamped, signed plan and drainage report.****APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **File # 22-016 Robert and Lorraine McKay, 67 Lake Drive, Eastford, CT. Install catch basin, drainage pipes and plunge pool. Application Received: 12/15/2022. Fee Received: \$260. Decision or Public Hearing by: 2/18/2023.** Stephen McKay attended the meeting via Zoom. Stated the they had spoken with Ben Schmidt, DPW Supervisor,

about arrangement for the maintenance of the catch basin on the roadway. Jim Larkin, IWWC Agent, mentioned that a stump is shown in the photograph of the newly installed drainage area and that the applicant plans to remove it. Stephen McKay stated that the stump will be ground down or removed and large stones similar to those already present would be put in it's place. **MOTION (Torcellini/Day) to approve the application with the following condition: 1. Applicant to notify Agent went stump removal has taken place. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **File # 22-017 Robert and Lorraine McKay, 67 Lake Drive, Eastford, CT. Stone wall rebuild at water's edge on Crystal Pond. Application Received: 12/15/2022. Fee Received: \$160. Decision or Public Hearing by: 2/18/2023.** Previously submitted plans were reviewed with no changes made. **MOTION (Day/Torcellini) to approve the application as presented. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

New Business:

- **Notification of Timber Harvest, Paul Belanger, Eastford Map 48, Block 25, Lot 3, by Eric Hansen Consulting Forester.** Plans and logistics were discussed with the applicant and the Commission. The Commission found that, based on the submitted plan and understanding, the timber harvest can be "as of right" and will not require a permit.

Application Received Post Agenda Filing: None

Approval of Minutes: MOTION (Day/Torcellini) to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2022 Regular Meeting UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chairman's Report : None

Agent Report: Agent J Larkin reported that:

- Contacted by the new owners of the dog kennel on Old Colony Road about building a garage on the site of a previous building which is no longer present. He will submit an application for this project and J Larkin feels it may be an Agent Approval. Also had questions about work to be done on driveway culverts which may also need to come before the Commission.
- Has had correspondence concerning property at John Perry Road and the possibility that there may be wetlands crossing in the driveway. Owner to have it flagged.
- Inquiries about property at 80 Ashford Lake and it's buildability.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission approved a lot line adjustment.

Correspondence: Notification of DEEP permit application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters. Aquatic Pesticide Application of Ashford Lake in Ashford. Applicant is Solitude Lake Management, Shrewsbury, MA.

Other Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Welshman, Recording Secretary