



Town of Burlington

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

1. Administrative

- A. Quorum was recognized and Arnie DePascale, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Arnie DePascale, Rob Wilson, Richard Miller, Linda Kobylarz, Rolf Dietrichson.
Jerry Burns, ZEO
- B. **Motion** Miller, seconded Dietrichson to approve minutes from November 8, 2023 regular meeting; unanimously approved.
- C. Communications: Farmington River Watershed Association Newsletter
- D. Agent Report: **Application 2024-001** – Fleming – Belden Rd #67 – Organic material clearing from approximately 193 linear feet of stream that is causing flooding and erosion of the rear yard. Visited site with IWWC Chair, homeowner and contractor.
Application 2024-002 – Griswold – S. Main St #70 – 10' x 14' shed in regulated area approximately 65' away from stream in rear yard and outside of the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area
Application 2024-003 – Ellett – Barnes Hill Rd #4 – Construct Ground Mounted Solar Array system and electrical conduit to power homes in and outside of the Upland Review Area. Visited site and reviewed plan with IWWC Chair.
Application 2024-004 – LaPenta Landscaping LLC – Miller Rd #73 – Repair existing curtain drain to rear of residence and extend new section around existing septic system to a 200 gallon infiltrator with overflow valve in the regulated area approximately 26' from seasonal stream.

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business –

- A. **2024-005 – Sciascia – Highwood Crossing #13 – Primary Residence Expansion in Upland Review Area.** Mr. Sciascia was present and addressed the Commission. He owns two parcels, 13 and 15 Highwood Crossing, and has been trying to figure out housing for his family's aging parents and is looking to make a large structure with one entrance. Two years prior a couple of residents on Taine Mountain clear cut their backyards and now causes issues with flooding on his property. They have made some accommodations to help the issues, but it has created a pond which is why he is now in front of the Commission, as it creates a wetlands issue for the new project. There is a conservation area right near the wetlands that they would have to avoid. The driveway will have to be moved to accommodate that aspect. The project meets the Zoning setbacks but has yet to be approved by Zoning, that will be the next step after IWWC approves or denies the Application. Chairman DePascale asked where reserve septic tank was, down



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where the topsoil was located on the maps presented. There were questions about the conserved area. The Commission will need a corrected plan for the next meeting. The Applicant is requesting a Special Hearing because of medical issues for his parents. Chairman DePascale advised to get Jerry the corrected paperwork, and, if it works, they can try and have the meeting by May 1st, which is one week earlier than the normal meeting.

Motion Miller, seconded Kobylarz to determine no significant impact to wetlands; unanimously approved.

4. **Public Hearing(s)**- None

5. **Other Business Proper to Come Before the Commission-**

DEEP Permit Application for Use of Pesticides – Lake Garda- Notification of new permit for the next three years.

DEEP Permit application for Use of Pesticides – Penchoff Pond- This is a new notification for a new permit by the homeowner.

6. **Citizen Comment**- None

7. **Staff and Commission Comments-**

A. **Election of Commission Officers-**

Motion Miller, seconded Dietrichson to elect Arnie DePascale as Chairman of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. ALL IN FAVOR.

Motion Miller, seconded Kobylarz to elect Robert Wilson as Vice- Chairman of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. ALL IN FAVOR.

Motion Miller, seconded Wilson to add to the agenda moving the start time of the meetings to 7:15pm. ALL IN FAVOR.

B. **Moving Start Time of Meetings-**

There is a gymnastics class in the auditorium from 4:30pm to 6:30pm and it doesn't give Jerry enough time to set up the meeting if there are any technical issues. Jerry is suggesting changing the meeting start time to 7:15pm. The Commission held a discussion and all members agreed with changing the start time. The Town Clerk needs 30 days' notice. Jerry will speak to the Town Clerk about the next steps. The Commission could vote to change the time during the May 8th meeting.

8. **Adjourn-**

Motion Miller, seconded Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM; unanimously approved.
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted for the Commission,
Ashlee Goshdigian, IWWC Clerk