

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 8, 2024 – 6:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

- 1 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
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- 3 2. Roll Call & Seating of Alternates. Present: Larry Burcroff, Vivian Garfein, Sally Spillane, John
- 4 Landon, Maria Grace, Russ Conklin (Alternate), John Harney (Alternate), Tracy Brown
- 5 (Alternate), Abby Conroy (Land Use Director), Miles Todaro (Land Use Tech Specialist) and
- 6 Georgia Petry (Recording Secretary). Absent: Cary Ullman. J. Harney was seated as Voting
- 7 Alternate for C. Ullman.
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- 9 3. **Approval of Agenda.** A. Conroy asked to add Item #14. Agent Approval. A **Motion to Approve**
- 10 **the Agenda, as amended**, was made by S. Spillane, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously
- 11 **Approved.**
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- 13 4. Minutes of June 24, 2024 – **Tabled** to next meeting.
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- 15 5. **Minutes of July 2, 2024** – (special meeting) A **Motion to Approve the Minutes of July 2, 2024**
- 16 was made by J. Landon, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously **Approved.**
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- 18 6. Minutes of July 6, 2024 – (special meeting) **Tabled** to next meeting.
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- 20 7. Public Comment – None
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- 22 8. #2024-IW-014 / Mary C Hedman (Pat Hackett/Peter Ebersol) / 116 South Shore Road / Septic
- 23 System Repair / Map 60 / Lot 10 / DOR: 06/24/2024
- 24 An update on the application was provided by A. Conroy; P&Z acknowledged the deed, reviewed
- 25 the application and had no issues. S. Spillane commented on the July 6th site visit and talked
- 26 about the access through the URA. Pat Hackett described the construction process and planting
- 27 plans; he deferred to the IWWC for recommendations for plants. S. Spillane mentioned leaving
- 28 the tree stumps, except over the septic. L. Burcroff asked how many trees would be taken
- 29 down; Mr. Hackett replied that they will be keeping 1 white pine and working around it. Others
- 30 who attended the site visit were generally positive and that the access was OK. L. Burcroff
- 31 asked about the materials; Mr. Hackett answered there would be no stockpiles. S. Spillane
- 32 asked about silt fence; Mr. Hackett answered yes, it will be extended. A. Conroy asked that
- 33 certain items, such as no stump removals and the planting plan, be added to the plan; Mr.

34 Hackett agreed. A **Motion to Approve #2024-IW-014, With Stated Conditions**, was made by S.
35 Spillane, seconded by M. Grace and unanimously **Approved**.

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37 9. #2024-IW—012 / Frischling (George Johannesen – Allied Engineering) / 42 Slater Road / To
38 Construct an Outdoor Sports Court, Two Sheds, and a Fenced-in Area / Map 68 / Lot 06 / DOR:
39 06/10/2024

40 L. Burcroff recused himself from the discussion and vote; V. Garfein continued with the
41 application. George Johannesen briefly described revisions to his submitted plans. S. Spillane
42 expressed that she has an issue with the trees within the 75' URA being clear-cut without a
43 permit and does not feel they can move forward on this plan until a discussion is started on
44 remediation; the planting plan proposed does not include trees. A. Conroy pointed out that the
45 proposed sports court location was shifted slightly; concerns about wetlands setback issues
46 have been addressed. Attorney William Grickis, representing the owner, indicated that they had
47 come before the IWWC prior to closing on the property, to discuss their concerns of trees
48 possibly falling on the house and whether or not they should make an application. Attorney
49 Grickis indicated that based on that conversation, there was going to be a site visit, but there
50 may have been a miscommunication about how many trees were going to be taken down; he
51 added that he can't explain how that may have occurred. A. Conroy could not remember any
52 trees being flagged, but they were cleared; she continued that it was unfortunate, but in trying
53 to simplify the process, it went in the wrong direction. Mr. Johannesen suggested that the
54 planting plan could be enhanced to include some trees. S. Spillane asked if these owners did the
55 clear cutting of the trees; Attorney Grickis indicated yes, that was a condition of the closing, with
56 the sellers supposed to get permission for the cutting the trees, but apparently there was some
57 confusion later about which trees would be taken down. M. Grace asked what recourse the
58 IWWC has; A. Conroy suggested that there could be conditions of approval now, considering
59 that the clear cutting would not have been approved. There were questions about how many
60 trees were cut down, how old they were and if they were significant specimens. M. Grace
61 pointed out that they were far away enough from the home not to be considered hazards; she
62 also asked if the stumps were gone and how many there were. There were other comments
63 from members who were on the site visit. J. Landon suggested that trees be added to the
64 planting plan; others commented on it. S. Spillane asked to have the existing trees being
65 showed on the planting plan. There was further discussion about possible relocation of the
66 proposed sports court and additional plantings. S. Spillane pointed out that there was no
67 evidence of the condition of the trees cut down, as they are gone; she is interested in
68 remediation. J. Landon wants to see where the sports court and gardens have been shifted. T.
69 Brown and M. Grace asked about the turbid area and would like the biggest trees possible
70 planted there. M. Grace recommended offering other trees, such as white pines, to re-vegetate
71 this area. Discussion of this application will be continued at the next meeting, July 22, 2024.

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73 10. #2024-IW-015 / 280 BTLR LLC (Todd Parsons) / 280 Between the Lakes Road / To Relocate a
74 Portion of Between the Lakes Road and Install Drainage Improvements / Map 67 / Lot 07-2 /
75 DOR: 6/24/2024

76 The applicant, Todd Parsons, was not available and had asked to Table this application tonight.
77 A site visit was not scheduled; some people drove by it. S. Spillane asked about a joint
78 application with the PZC; A. Conroy is discussing with the applicant how they want to proceed.
79 The application was **Tabled**, at the request of the applicant.

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81 11. #2024-IW-016 / Hotchkiss School (Todd Parsons) / 11 Interlaken Road / To Dredge an Area with
82 Significant Sediment Deposits / Map 06 / Lot 08 / DOR: 7/8/2024

83 Brian Hanecak and John Bryant were present, representing Hotchkiss School. A. Conroy
84 described the application details and suggested saving questions for Todd Parsons. A. Conroy
85 was surprised at the potential volume of the dredging and asked Mr. Parsons if the Army Corps
86 of Engineers or DEEP was required; Mr. Parsons had responded no. A. Conroy pointed out that
87 there are other impacts that the IWWC could require for reviews. Robert Colabella, Sr. Project
88 Manager for Haley Ward, filled in for Todd Parsons and described the details of the proposed
89 work. The Commission had many questions about: the de-watering bags; the disposal of the
90 bags; how many times this work has needed to be done; who owns Sucker Brook; where is the
91 sediment coming from; how is the turbidity curtain attached to the shoreline; addressing the
92 Hydrilla problem; how the equipment will be coming in; who is the contractor; phasing of the
93 project; and vegetation growing at the site. S. Spillane and V. Garfein suggested watching the
94 video recording for details: [https://www.salisburyct.us/inland-wetland-watercourses-](https://www.salisburyct.us/inland-wetland-watercourses-commission/)
95 [commission/](https://www.salisburyct.us/inland-wetland-watercourses-commission/) L. Burcroff asked where the bags will get cut open; Mr. Colabella showed a photo.
96 S. Spillane suggested that since Sucker Brook goes through wetlands, they should have Fisheries
97 look at it and also a NDDDB species review; V. Garfein, M. Grace, T. Brown and L. Burcroff agreed.
98 R. Conklin asked if water lilies are present and mentioned a pond weed. A Site Visit was
99 scheduled for July 18, 2024 at 4:00pm. A **Motion to Accept this Application** was made by M.
100 Grace, seconded by S. Spillane, with **All in Favor**.

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102 12. #2024-IW-017 / Multiple Owners – East Twin Lake (Jeffrey Cordisco – CFD Underwater) /
103 Multiple Addresses on East Twin Lake Including 210 & 218 Between the Lakes Road and 73
104 Rocky Lane / Removal of Invasive Plants and Decaying Biomass / Map 58, Lot 5 & 6 / Map 66, Lot
105 34 DOR: 7/8/2024

106 Jeffrey Cordisco described the application and process to remove phragmites and the dying
107 biomass. L. Burcroff asked about the amount of material to be removed, how much shoreline is
108 involved and how many owners there are. T. Brown asked where the material will go; Mr.
109 Cordisco answered it would go into a dump trailer and removed to an off-site location. R.
110 Conklin wants to look at the individual properties; S. Spillane expressed that there should be no
111 blanket application. The Commission had many comments, questions and suggestions. L.
112 Burcroff wants silt fencing at places where the material is removed; Mr. Cordisco agreed. S.
113 Spillane asked if the equipment would be treated to prevent Hydrilla and other invasives from

114 entering the lake; Mr. Cordisco answered that al equipment is dried, bleached and treated with
115 Simple Green for a minimum of 48 hours. A. Conroy read an email from Curtis Rand to the
116 IWWC, regarding materials already deposited at the Hammertown Rd. brush site without
117 permission; there will be a meeting with the contractors and highway crew to ask for full
118 removal and remediation because it may contain invasive phragmites and other biomaterial.
119 Mr. Rand suggested that the IWWC should be concerned about the resulting bare seed bed that
120 results from this activity; at East Twin Lake, large amounts are being spent to try to stop the
121 Hydrilla. Mr. Rand asked what happens when a boat or prop drives over Hydrilla near the boat
122 launch and then proceeds to the bare lake bottom across the lake; he commented about the
123 moving parts on the bottom of the equipment, where it has been and if it's possible to hire an
124 impartial scientific assessment of the risks before more damage occurs. Mr. Cordisco responded
125 that they had been told exactly where to dump the material and were given the combination to
126 enter the site; he will be meeting with Mr. Rand and will remove the material and take it away.
127 V. Garfein expressed that there would be no blanket permit; permits must be individual, if
128 issued. There was further discussion about the need for a list of all the properties involved,
129 identifying and then processing them; Mr. Cordisco will reach out to the owners. Mr. Cordisco
130 was asked to come back with more information, including the silt fencing and the spoils, a map
131 and pictures. A **Motion to Table this Application** was made by S. Spillane, seconded by J.
132 Landon, With **All in Favor**.

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134 13. Update on Potential Violation(s)

135 There are several, but there is no update yet from Atty. Janet Brooks, reported by A. Conroy;
136 there may be some show-cause hearings in the future. A. Conroy reported an Agent Approval
137 for the demolition of 3 structures on land recently acquired by the Salisbury School.

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139 **Adjournment. So Moved** by V. Garfein, seconded by S. Spillane and unanimously **Approved**.

140 The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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