

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street on the following:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jeffrey Arends, George Sipila, Richard Oliverson and Melissa Labossiere.

Members Absent: Demian Sorrentino and Real Gallant with notice.

Staff Present: Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary. Martha Fraenkel, Wetlands Agent absent with notice.

Also Present: Bruce Woodis, KWP Associates, Michael Daigle, A. J. Kerouac.

Roll Call: All members present stated their name for the record.

Seating of Alternates: None.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2016.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to accept the meeting minutes of September 13, 2016. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Receipt:

1. 101116A Paul Sansoucy, Pomfret Road (Route 169) Map 26, Lot 19, RA Zone; Proposed 2-Lot subdivision for the purpose of future residential construction with houses, driveways, septic systems and wells. No proposed disturbance of wetlands.

Bruce Woodis, LS, KWP Associates represents application 101116A and gives a brief summary. The location of the proposed 2-lot subdivision is on Pomfret Road/Route 169 Map 26, Lot 19 near an existing quarry. Mr. Sansoucy wishes to build a house for himself on the hill. The second lot will be divided off for future development. A combined driveway will be used. There is an existing paved apron that has been utilized. This will stay combined until it gets to such point that Mr. Sansoucy goes up to his own house, the other part of the driveway will not be built at this time. The activity is all within the regulated area. There are two regulated areas in town – 125 feet from wetlands and 175 feet from watercourse. Ms. Fraenkel considers these a watercourse (manmade ponds). There is also a wetlands pocket, low spot between the house and the land which is not connected to anything. Mr. Woodis further discusses the manmade ponds along Route 169 with no inlet or outlet. Mr. Woodis demonstrates this to Commission Members on the site plan.

Mr. Arends asked if Mr. Sansoucy will continue to use the road for his gravel operations. Mr. Woodis stated yes. Mr. Woodis identified this as a locational feature.

All of Mr. Sansoucy's house, garage, septic system and other improvements are outside the regulated area. On the second site of the proposed subdivision, the septic system is within the regulated area and the house is half way the 175 regulated area. Primarily the disturbance that relates to the wetlands is associated with driveways.

The property has been logged within the last year and a half. There are paths throughout. Mr. Sansoucy has already started roughing in the upper parts of his driveway. Mr. Woodis notes this on the site plan. Ms. Fraenkel reminded Mr. Woodis that any disturbance over ½ acre requires an S and E application. Mr. Woodis is making this as part of the wetlands and the subdivision application. Mr. Sansoucy will install silt fence along the proposed driveway. Mr. Woodis, Mr. Sansoucy will meet with Ms. Fraenkel next week to walk the property.

Mr. Woodis discussed with Commission Members a small culvert in the "Y." The purpose is there is going to be a little bit of filling to keep the grade of the driveway so it will create a collection area. A pipe will be installed underneath the driveway with rip rap installed. There will be no drainage of water directed down towards the ponds. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Woodis invited the Commission Members to visit the site. Mr. Woodis asked the Commission if it they considered this a significant activity and if a public hearing should be scheduled. Mr. Woodis commented that Ms. Fraenkel asked the plans be reviewed by Syl Pauley, Jr., NECCOG Regional Engineer. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Arends comments that he cannot determine if it is a significant impact or not unless the site is visited. Mr. Oliverson agrees. Mr. Arends does not want to charge the applicant the public hearing fee if it is not necessary. Commission Members agreed they will individually visit the site. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by George Sipila to receive application 101116A. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Hearings: None.

Old Business:

1. DR16-006 Michael A. Daigle, 257 Woodward Road, Map 10, Lot 16, RA Zone; Request for declaratory ruling for use as of right for a pole barn 30 ft. x 38 ft. for farming use approximately 80 feet from wetlands.

Michael Daigle, property owner represents the application. Mr. Daigle is proposing to construct a 30 ft. x 38 ft. pole barn for farming use. Mr. Arends asked what the agriculture business is. Mr. Daigle commented local farming for himself, livestock, chickens, pigs. Mr. Daigle would eventually like to get a Jersey Cow.

Mr. Oliverson asked Mr. Daigle to locate on the map where the barn is going. Mr. Daigle reviews the photographs with Mr. Oliverson. Mr. Daigle previously built a barn 20 years ago which is approximately 93 feet from the wetlands. Mr. Oliverson asked if this was previously approved from Planning and Zoning, Mr. Daigle stated yes it was. Mr. Daigle was unaware if the wetlands regulations had changed from the barn he built 20 years ago.

Mr. Arends asked if the building has been constructed. Mr. Daigle stated the building is up. Mr. Daigle has stopped construction, and is waiting to place the siding on.

Commission Members reviewed several photographs. Mr. Oliverson asked if this has been measured. Mr. Daigle measures 110 feet, Ms. Fraenkel measures 80 feet.

Mr. Arends stated that for future notification if you are going to do something that is within 125 feet of a wetlands please let the Wetlands Commission know of your intentions. Mr. Daigle acknowledges this. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Arends asks about the pipe installed to direct drainage to the wetlands. Mr. Daigle stated he has removed the pipe per Ms. Fraenkel's recommendation.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson that a declaratory ruling on DR16-006 is an as of right use. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

New Business: None.

Communications:

1. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.
 - a. DEEP Dust Complaint Report-Brooklyn Sand and Gravel.

Commission Members reviewed a report/complaint dated 6/1/16 from the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management Compliance & Field Operations,

79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. The date and time of the inspection was June 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier