

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 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 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Jeffrey Arends, Richard Oliverson, Melissa Labossiere, Demian Sorrentino.

Members Absent: George Sipila absent with notice. Real Gallant – resigned.

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

Also Present: Paul Terwilliger, Ken Cardinal, Thomas Rukstela, Don Dubois, Aaron Kerouac, public in attendance.

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

Seating of Alternates: None.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to postpone the election of officers to next month's meeting February 14, 2017. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Additions to Agenda:

1. Letter of Resignation from Real Gallant:

Vice Chairman Arends reads into the record Mr. Gallant's letter of resignation – Dear Selectman Ives, it is with regret that I tender my resignation from the Brooklyn Inlands Wetlands Commission, effective 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2017. I am grateful for having had the

opportunity to serve on the board of this fine organization for the last 17 years, and I offer my best wishes for its continued success. Sincerely, Real Gallant, Chairman.

Vice Chairman Arends thanks Real Gallant for his years of service to the Commission, he has been a mainstay for a long time and has done a lot of work for the Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016.

A motion was made Demian Sorrentino to continue to the February 14, 2017 meeting. Discussion held. Mr. Sorrentino retracts his motion.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2016. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. Jeff Arends and Melissa Labossiere abstain. Motion passes.

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Receipt: None.

Public Hearings: None.

Old Business:

1. 121316A KCTT Properties, LLC, 520 Providence Road, Map 41, Lot 15, PC Zone; Construction of a Drive-Thru Lane within 125 feet of wetlands.

Paul Terwilliger, L.S., PC Survey Associates represents application 121316A. The site location is 520 Providence Road known as Pine Tree Plaza (Baker's Dozen, Sweet Peas). The proposed is to replace the existing drive thru location with one more suited to the site and safety. It currently comes in off of Route 6 with a short drive thru that wraps around the front of the building which fits approximately 5 cars. The new proposal comes in the main entrance, wraps around the westerly side of the building and comes around to the front. This will allow more stacking and be safer with traffic on Route 6. As far as activity within the wetlands, they are proposing grading and construction about 90 feet away from the wetlands. The wetlands are at the north end of the property delineated by Joe Theroux (12/9/15). There is an existing parking area in the back that will be paved in order to make up for the spaces that will be relocated. It is a 10 feet wide drive thru lane running along the back of the building approximately 130 feet in total. The drainage currently runs from the south to the north and it runs down to a leak off on the north end just before the curve in the drive thru. The leak off will run into an existing drainage ditch and run to the rear eventually into the wetlands area. The leak off will be modified rip rap with a splash pad at end to slow down the storm water.

Jeff Arends asked where will the water off the new proposed driveway go. Mr. Terwilliger demonstrated this on the site plan. Mr. Arends asked does the existing drainage swale take care of the current water from the same property. Mr. Terwilliger stated the majority what goes into it

is on the adjacent property, Premier Chevrolet. All the whole easterly side of the parking eventually ends up into the swale. From where the leak off is to the east it will run down and sheet flow across the existing parking area, which it currently does. Mr. Terwilliger stated the Town Engineer, Syl Pauley, has reviewed the plan. Mr. Pauley's comments are in the revised report dated 12/29/16 from J & D Civil Engineers, LLC. Commission Members reviewed this revised report. Discussion ensued.

Melissa Labossiere asked if they are going to take out the front canopy and change this back to grass. Mr. Cardinal stated there will be a land swap and sale with Craig Gates next door. They will cut a straight line getting rid of the car entrance, this will be paved up to the edge for car display. Mr. Cardinal stated the proposed site plan shows the landscaping plan. Mr. Sorrentino asked if the only exist is to go under the portico. Mr. Cardinal stated yes. There will be a side ordering window and a pick-up window under the canopy.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to approve application 121316A KCTT Properties, LLC 520 Providence Road, Map 41, Lot 15, PC Zone; Construction of Drive-thru Lane with 125 feet of wetlands with standard conditions. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. Discussion ensued. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. DR16-011 Thomas Rukstela, 127 Mason Road, Map 15, Lot 10-2, RA Zone; Repair driveway with new gravel to get rid of the mud.

Mr. Rukstela represents DR16-011. Mr. Rukstela would like to replace the path they are using for feeding purposes. They would like to dig out the mud, move it out and put the gravel down. Mr. Sorrentino asked if this is a farm. Mr. Rukstela stated yes. Mr. Rukstela stated the area is level which runs alongside the brook. Mr. Sorrentino asked if there is a depression that collects water, is this why it is so muddy. Mr. Rukstela stated it is about a foot above the brook and with driving over it all the time it turns to mud when it rains, it is a very good topsoil. The gravel will be a better base. Mr. Arends asked what will be done with the topsoil. Mr. Rukstela stated he will truck it off and use it in gardens. Mr. Rukstela reviews a site map with Commission Members.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to approve DR16-011 Thomas Rukstela, 127 Mason Road, Map 15, Lot 10-2, RA Zone; Repair driveway with new gravel to get rid of mud. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

1. DR16-012 Pinedale Farms-Donald Dubois, Allen Hill Road, Map 41, Lot 129, (Timber Harvest). Silvicultural thinning to remove white pine with defect in order to grow the better-quality trees.

Don Dubois, Dubois Forestry and Management/Pinedale Farms, LLP represents application DR16-012. Mr. Dubois outlined the cutting plan and the topographical maps with Commission Members. This is a 40-acre selective thinning part of a NRCS, USDA program. The purpose of this operation is to remove trees in order to release for future growth the advanced regeneration of the understory. There is white pine about 20 years old and we are trying to get the sunlight on

to it, therefore, doing a light selective thinning 120,000 feet in order to grow better quality trees, a 15% reduction of the area. Mr. Dubois walked the site with Martha Fraenkel approximately one week ago. The entrance will be from Allen Hill Road, the trucks will come in nose first, go into the cornfield. The trucks will load and come out nose first on the far road, no wetlands or stream crossings. Mr. Sorrentino asked no wetlands crossings with the loaded trucks. Mr. Dubois stated no stream crossings or wetlands crossing. Mr. Dubois reviewed the topography. Mr. Dubois stated they hope to start this Winter, but conditions are not looking very good, therefore it will be done in the Fall. Mr. Oliverson asked what is the time frame. Mr. Dubois stated it is about a year.

Mr. Sorrentino asked if the 15-day appeal period applies to declaratory ruling applications. Mr. Arends reviewed the regulations and can only find the 15-day appeal period is for applications that are issued a wetlands permit. This application is a declaratory ruling-as of right use. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to approve DR16-012 Pinedale Farms-Donald Dubois, Allen Hill Road, Map 41, Lot 129 (Timber Harvest) Silvicultural thinning to remove white pine with defect in order to grow the better-quality trees. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. Review of Bylaws.

Ms. Fraenkel had no comments to make on review of the bylaws. Commission Members did not make any changes.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to keep the Bylaws as they are with no changes made. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Communications:

1. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.

Ms. Fraenkel's report made the following comment which was read by Mr. Arends into the record:

430 Allen Hill Road, Regis sand and gravel operation. Brooklyn Sand and Gravel, contractor, has placed organic material as directed previously. Note that the erosion controls installed two years ago, are successfully preventing further erosion and sedimentation on site. I will follow up on this site with you at the next meeting.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Melissa Labossiere to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Demian Sorrentino seconded this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary