

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2017**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 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 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Demian Sorrentino, James Paquin, Richard Oliverson, Melissa Labossiere.

Absent: Jeff Arends and George Sipila with notice.

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

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

Seating of Alternates: None.

Additions to Agenda:

1. 061317B Ed Ledogar, 167 Herrick Road, Map 17, Lot 22, RA Zone; 1 lot subdivision for son; residential house; septic; well; minor grading; all work outside upland review area.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to receive application 061317B onto the agenda. Agenda placement is item #2 under New Business. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. Quinebaug Solar, LLC, Proposed Solar Generating Facility.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to add Quinebaug Solar, LLC, Proposed Solar Generating Facility, to the agenda. Agenda placement is item #3 under Communications. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes May 9, 2017.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017. Melissa seconds this motion. Demian Sorrentino and Jim Paquin abstain. Discussion held.

The motion passes with two in favor (legality to be checked or vote to be repeated at next meeting).

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Receipt:

- 1. 061317A Dale Lyon, 133 Wauregan Road, Map 23, Lot 42, RA Zone; Install septic system in upland review area.**

Ms. Fraenkel commented that Mr. Lyon has installed a septic system in the upland review area 85 feet from a watercourse. She found no impact to the watercourse/wetlands. Mr. Sorrentino will recuse himself from the application, therefore, Ms. Fraenkel recommends receiving the application, only. Ms. Fraenkel will review the application with Chairman Arends for duly authorized and recommends continuation to next month's meeting. A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to receive application 061317A. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. Demian Sorrentino abstains. The motion passes.

Public Hearings: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1. IWWC Violation: Catherine Jones, 49 Pomfret Road, Map 25, Lot 16, 5 acre parcel; clearing, grading and excavating activity associated with stone wall removal in upland review area adjacent to watercourse (stream and swamp) without permit.**

Ms. Fraenkel reviews a boundary survey showing flagging of wetlands on the eastern half of the property and distributes to Commission Members. The owner, Catherine Jones, wished to sell the walls (not boundary walls). The person who mined the walls excavated and needed a wetlands permit. The excavator was as close to 4 feet of a watercourse. Ms. Fraenkel explains the reason it is under a violation order is that the property is being sold and Ms. Fraenkel does not want there to be a transfer of the property without the potential buyer understanding that there are violations on the property. The violation order was recorded in the land records.

Ms. Fraenkel has been in touch with the person who has done the work, however, has not met or walked the property with him.

Catherine Jones spoke with regards to the violation. Ms. Jones stated she did not know a permit was necessary, she is here tonight to see what can be done to fix this situation. No stone walls were disturbed that were a border.

Ms. Fraenkel reviewed a series of photos taken with Mr. Sorrentino and Commission Members as to where they would be located on the site plan.

Mr. Paquin asked what the topography was, Ms. Fraenkel stated it is flat. Mr. Oliverson asked how much disturbance was done in the wetlands. Ms. Fraenkel stated it is not known. Most of the area disturbed is in the western half.

Ms. Jones stated the contractor started digging and taking the stone out of the ground, once completed it was to be leveled off. Discussion ensued.

Paul Archer, Archer Surveying spoke on behalf of the property site plan. Mr. Archer stated the house and a second building have burned down. The garage is still on the property.

Ms. Jones stated that her brother had been residing there due to thievery and squatters.

Ms. Fraenkel and Commission Members discussed revising the violation order versus a wetlands permit. Discussion also ensued with regards to blight on the property and removal of the debris.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to uphold the order as issued and direct the property owner to submit an application including wetlands delineation and a remediation plan by the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on July 11, 2017. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. 061317B Ed Ledogar, 167 Herrick Road, Map 17, Lot 22, RA Zone; 1-lot subdivision for son; residential house; septic; well; minor grading; all work outside upland review area.

Paul Archer, Archer Surveying, LLC represents application 061317B. The Ledogars own 8 acres of land and want to subdivide a 2-acre parcel for their son. Michael Schaefer has done wetlands delineation. There is a pond up into the corner, everything being proposed is 175 feet away from the upland review area. Mr. Archer states that they are looking for a ruling as it is a subdivision and the State Statute states this should be presented before the Wetlands Commission.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to issue a declaratory ruling on the plans prepared by Paul Archer, Archer Surveying, LLC, dated June 5, 2017. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Communications:

1. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.

- Titus Property – Riverfarm Drive. Ms. Fraenkel visited the site. An exemplary job was beautifully done and complete.
- Santos – Westview Drive. The work is ongoing. The lawn will be planted in the fall. The swale has not been constructed yet.
- Keith Hoyt – Hickory Lane. Mitigation has not been finished on this project. Ms. Fraenkel will be revisiting this application.

- Ms. Jones left a note stating that she is receiving \$20 a ton for the stone. Mrs. Jones has signed receipts.

2. Budget.

Reviewed by Commission Members and Ms. Fraenkel.

Jim Paquin would like to take the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program. Staff will contact Mr. Paquin with the information.

3. Quinebaug Solar, LLC Proposed Solar Generating Facility.

Ms. Fraenkel stated this is a notice of an intent to submit an application to the CT Siting Council. The property location is bounded by Wauregan Road to the south (Canterbury), Blackwell/Cold Spring Brook to the west, Rukstela/Allen Hill Roads and forested areas to the north (Brooklyn), and the Quinebaug River to the east (the "Property"). Fraenkel said that the Commission will be informed when a hearing at the Siting Council has been scheduled and may want to make comments.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Melissa Labossiere to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Jim Paquin seconded this motion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary