

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 09, 2021
Web Ex and In-Person Meeting
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
69 South Main Street
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Lisa M Lindia ran Webex meeting.

Roll Call: Richard Oliverson, Demian Sorrentino and Jason Burgess in person; Adam Brindamour absent with notice; Jim Paquin via WebEx

Staff Present: Lisa Lindia, Recording Secretary, Margaret Washburn, Zoning Enforcement Officer,

Seating of Alternates: None

Public Commentary: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes:

1. The minutes of the 10/12/2021 Regular Meeting were accepted.

Public Hearings: Opened at 6:11 p.m.

- 1. 100421A Heather & Matt Allen (applicant) and David & Gail Allen (Owner), 0 Christian Hill Rd., Map 31, Lot 19, Excavation and construction of an agricultural pond and dry hydrant.**

Present: Heather & Gail Allen, Mortlake Fire Chief Steve Breen, Sandy & Lou Brodeur of 63 Creamery Brook.

Paul Archer of Archer Surveying explained that he took Syl Pauly's recommendations and applied them to the site plan that was submitted 11/2/2021. Conversation ensued.

Joe Theroux delineated the Allen property and indicated the best placement for the pond. The Allen family agree with this location and feel that the water level will not be a problem. The dry hydrant will be located at the front left corner of the pond and is to be used by the fire department only.

Currently, the Allen family have two wells located on the other side of the road.

Fire Chief Breen sent in a letter of support stating that there is no other water source in the area.

Lou Brodeur of 63 Creamery Brook, Selectman, former Mortlake Fire Chief, and a current member of Mortlake. Lou stated that the hay field was dry this summer when he mowed it. He is in support of the pond.

Demian Sorrentino asked the Allen family where is the water level in the well in the wetland? Heather Allen stated close to the top.

Confirming static water level of the pond is a valid concern. Demian Sorrentino feels test pits are warranted to determine the water table.

Margaret Washburn inquired about stocking the pond with fish. Heather Allen stated that she has a three- and five-year-old and would like to stock it with fish in the future.

Jim Paquin states that the dewatering basin should have sediment controls on all 4 sides.

Sandy Brodeur inquired about future dredging; would it be necessary to come before IWWC for maintenance?

The commission stated that yes it would be necessary to appear in front of the commission to ask to do maintenance such as dredging.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to close Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m. Jason Burgess seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Opened at 6:45 p.m.

1. 100421A Heather & Matt Allen (applicant) and David & Gail Allen (Owner), 0 Christian Hill Rd., Map 31, Lot 19, Excavation and construction of an agricultural pond and dry hydrant.

The following motion was made by Demian Sorrentino, and Jason Burgess seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Declaratory ruling – 100421A Heather & Matt Allen (applicant) and David & Gail Allen (Owner), 0 Christian Hill Rd., Map 31, Lot 19, Excavation and construction of an agricultural pond less than three acres and dry hydrant for exclusive use by the Fire Department: approved as permitted uses as of right. The dewatering basin should be surrounded by double-staked hay bales and silt fence on all sides. For any future maintenance work, the applicants should come before the Brooklyn IWWC. The work shall be done in accordance with the site plan last revised on 11/2/21.

Heather Allen asks why she needed to go through the process. Demian Sorrentino explained it was needed because they deem that the way the plan was designed in such a way that there are no impacts.

The plan cost her \$6,000 she wanted to know why it could not have been easier, quicker, and cheaper.

Jim Paquin states that the Public Hearing is closed, and the applicant received what she wanted and is now complaining.

Closed at 6:54 p.m.

New Business: Opened at 6:55 p.m.

1. 110921A Joann & Frank Titus, River Farm Dr., Map 43, Lot 15, Residential Home, septic tank, driveway, shed, & minor grading.

There was discussion about receiving the application tonight.

Jim Paquin asked to move to duly authorized. Discussion held.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin for application 110921A JoAnn and Frank Titus, Lot 15 River Farm Road, Map 43, Lot 15, RA Zone: Construction of new single-family dwelling, septic system, well, driveway, and minor grading with standard conditions. Demian Sorrentino seconds this motion. Discussion.

Jim Paquin amended his motion to include:

1. The work shall be done in accordance with the site plan last revised on 11/7/21.
2. The IWWC is aware that a zoning permit has not been issued for the subject property. Until such time as the applicant has secured a zoning permit to move ahead with the development of the lot, no activity pursuant to the wetlands permit is permitted.

Demian Sorrentino seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed at 7:05 p.m.

Communications: Opened at 7:06 p.m.

1. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.

A request from Stephanie Kosoff, the town assessor, submitted her concerns on town letter head to investigate Map/Lot 34/31 Brown Rd.

Pulling stumps is a regulated activity as is selling wood. There have been several complaints, we would like to know what's going on. Can we possibly get a plan, or do a site walk?

2. Budget Update.

Public Commentary: None

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jason Burgess to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Demian Sorrentino seconds the motion. No discussion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Oliverson, Chairman