

**Town of Brooklyn
Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Virtual WebEx
December 1, 2020**

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

Members Present: Jeffrey Arends, Richard Oliverson, George Sipila, James Paquin.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Margaret Washburn, Wetlands Agent, Rick Ives, First Selectman, Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

Also Present: Paul Archer, Bob Deluca, Joe Szarkowicz, Edward Leavitt, Terry and Lisa Veazie, Adam Brindamour.

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

Seating of Alternates: None.

Public Commentary:

Ed Leavitt had questioned if placing fill material, chips on a wetlands designated area for trail use would be okay to do or is a permit required for such activity. Chairman Arends commented that placing fill in a wetlands requires a permit, however, because tonight's meeting is a special meeting only agenda items can be discussed.

Jim Paquin addressed Selectman Ives with regards to in person public meetings beginning again. Mr. Ives commented that it is very doubtful in the foreseeable future. The governor has made it more restrictive with only 10 people limited inside, 6 feet apart at all times. Mr. Ives is not comfortable with doing in person meetings. He feels that maybe by this spring things will be better as it is expected that Covid numbers are going to double and triple in the next 60 days.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020. The minutes are approved as written with no changes.

Public Hearings:

1. 081120A Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area.

Chairman Arends asked if there was anyone present to represent the application. There was no one present to represent the application. Mr. Paquin questioned the timeline of the application. Chairman Arends stated there has been an extension requested by Mr. Pollock that places the application expiration January 21, 2021. Ms. Washburn contacted Mr. Thibeault via e mail with regards to tonight's meeting. Ms. Washburn is concerned with putting the application off until January with question of there not being a quorum. Chairman Arends does not wish to put off the application until January 12, 2021, but if there is no one here to represent the applicant and answer questions it cannot be done in public hearing format.

Chairman Arends asks for suggestions from Commission. Mr. Paquin stated the Commission could listen to questions from the public and the engineers. Rich Oliverson and Mr. Sipila concur with Mr. Paquin.

Chairman Arends opens up the floor to any questions regarding the application.

Chairman Arends comments that since 11/25/20 there are no numbers or recent information received on testing of the deep pits under the stormwater basin. Ms. Washburn commented nothing has been received. Ms. Washburn commented the Commission could deny the application as incomplete. Ms. Washburn commented that Syl Pauley's questions have not yet been addressed. Discussion held.

Paul Archer suggests switch the order of the public hearings on the agenda, this will give time for the representative to sign into the meeting.

Chairman Arends polls the commission, all members agree with switching the agenda item order of the public hearings.

A motion was made by Rich Oliverson to switch agenda item #1 081120A to agenda item #2 under public hearings. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Item #1 081120A Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area will now become Item #2.

Selectman Ives introduces Adam Brindamour who is interested in becoming a wetlands commission member and is here tonight viewing the meeting.

1. 090820A Square 1 Building Associates; Tripp Hollow Road, Map 7, Lot 12-1, RA Zone; 4-Lot Subdivision; Residential building construction consisting of houses, driveways, wells, septic systems, and associated grading.

Bob Deluca from CLA Engineers and Paul Archer, Archer Surveying are here to represent application 090820A.

Chairman Arends asks if there are questions from the Commission or the public at this time.

Mr. Paquin comments that Ms. Washburn send out correspondence received from a resident at 384 Tripp Hollow Road. Ms. Washburn reads the 12/1/20 dated e mail into the record:

Good afternoon Ms. Washburn. I am Susan Kelley and I live at 384 Tripp Hollow Road. I am unable to attend the public hearing this evening as I leave for work at 6:00 p.m. I have a concern with the driveways being placed across from my property by Square 1 Building Associates. I have noticed that the eastern side of the road across from a few of the new houses that Square 1 Building Associates have built appears to be washing out from the run-off. My concern is that when the new driveways are put in across from my property, that the run-off will pool in front of my property and/or run off onto my property.

I will be out this afternoon until approximately 4:00. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I will check my emails when I get home. Thank you for your attention in this matter. Susan Kelley

Chairman Arends asks Mr. Deluca to address these concerns. Mr. Deluca took photos of the shared driveway and brings up a plan to review with members on the meeting screen. Mr. Deluca reviews the contours, slopes stating there will be no impact on road drainage or Ms. Kelley's driveway.

Mr. Paquin questions the front yard of Lot 12-8 getting regraded which may cause positive drainage towards Tripp Hollow Rd and contribute water towards Ms. Kelley's side of the road. Mr. Deluca reviews the grading and contours with Mr. Paquin. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Arends asked if anyone else has questions or public commentary on the application.

No comments received.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to close the public hearing. George Sipila seconds the motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. 081120A Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area.

Chairman Arends asked if there was anyone present to represent the applicant.

Chairman Arends asks for public commentary. None received.

Chairman Arends suggests denying the application without prejudice due to lack of information, they can reapply.

Mr. Oliverson suggests close public hearing.

A motion was made by Rich Oliverson to close the public hearing. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. 081120A Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area.

Chairman Arends asked if there is anyone present to represent the applicant. No one present. Chairman Arends asks if there is anyone from the public who wishes to comment. No commentary received.

Chairman Arends suggest denying the application due to lack of information without prejudice and reapply. Discussion held.

Norm Thibeault, Killingly Engineering joins the meeting at this time. Mr. Thibeault had issues with logging into the meeting.

Mr. Thibeault asked if there is a reason why the Commission would deny without prejudice at this point? Chairman Arends commented the plans are still lacking information for the Town's engineer to review, the application is running out of time, there is limited commission members and that there may not be a quorum for next month's meeting.

Mr. Thibeault asked if the application is denied without prejudice will the fee be waived going forward. Ms. Washburn commented that the Commission does not have the ability to waive the fee.

Mr. Thibeault discusses the remaining issues pertaining to water and sewer. Mr. Thibeault attended a meeting with the WPCA. They will be getting him a letter that states they have the capacity within the system. They did request an additional manhole on the main road. The current plans reflect this. Regarding Connecticut Water, Mr. Thibeault heard back from them the Friday before Thanksgiving. They are trying to secure easement for the waterline. They have been having difficulty. They are recommending tying into water line at Louise Berry Drive. There is an easement at the terminus of roadway proposing to construct. Connecticut Water has the plans at their office. The bulk of Mr. Pauley's concerns are with sewer and water.

Ms. Washburn commented that the public hearing has been closed and that Mr. Thibeault should not be discussing this information.

Mr. Paquin comments that in the interest of internet, Covid-19, technical difficulties, and internet in Brooklyn, he does not have a problem with entertaining a motion to reopen the public hearing as we are getting good information at this time. Chairman Arends agrees with Mr. Paquin. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to reopen the public hearing on application 081120A Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Hearing is reopened.

Mr. Thibeault addressed a number of comments from Ms. Washburn, the 175 ft. upland review area for the watercourse has been added to plan shown as heavy red dashed line on plan. Ms. Washburn stated it is not on the legend what the red and green lines represent. Mr. Thibeault stated that it is dimensioned on the plans on numerous pages the 125 ft. and 175. ft. Mr. Paquin states it is labeled and dimensioned. Discussion ensued. Mr. Thibeault shared a plan on the meeting screen and discussed with Commission Members.

Mr. Thibeault commented that Ms. Washburn requested that legends be put on every sheet, this has been done. Mr. Thibeault commented that it was also asked that revisions applicable to PZC be added to the plans, he stated he has not received final comments from WPCA or Connecticut Water. Mr. Thibeault discusses this.

Deep test pits and the percolation tests in area of the basin were done last Friday. The results were as expected with a highwater table 40 to 42 inches below surface. The way the grading is proposed for the water quality retention basin, a wet bottom in the basin is anticipated, and the test pits verified this. Drainage computations take this into account and are accounted for in their computations.

The maintenance and ownership of stormwater basin is owned and maintained by the homeowner association. During construction of the project, the contractor is responsible for the maintenance. Ms. Washburn suggested a perpetual bond. Mr. Thibeault does not concur with this. A bond during construction is in order, but as far as a perpetual bond he does not agree with this. Ms. Washburn commented that the bond would be done through PZC. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Arends asked if the basin will become a wetlands? Mr. Thibeault answered yes, this is strongly endorsed by DEEP. Ms. Washburn asked for an operation and maintenance plan. Mr. Thibeault will put this on the plans. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Thibeault addressed the heating and cooling systems. They will be electric mini split systems for cooling and heating. There will be no gas line or oil tanks.

Mr. Thibeault commented that the project will not result in increased storm water rates from the site. Mr. Thibeault discusses the report submitted.

Ms. Washburn asked Mr. Thibeault if he foresees any changes on the plans to come before the Commission? Mr. Thibeault does not see any further encroachment towards the wetlands or disturbances that could impact the wetlands. Ms. Washburn asked what kind of measures are being used to achieve the infiltration required? Mr. Thibeault comments there is a series of computations and discusses this with Ms. Washburn. Mr. Thibeault does not foresee any significant changes in the plans.

Mr. Thibeault discusses parking spaces. There will be three parking spaces per unit. There will also be a couple of parking spaces on the edge of the road. The owner shows interest in locating more individual parking spaces throughout the site. The plan far exceeds parking requirements per zoning regulations.

Mr. Thibeault added slope gradients throughout the plan as requested. Details on the sediment trap and cross section of basin will be provided on the plan now that the final results of the test pits are in.

Mr. Thibeault commented that additional wood chip berms and E and S controls have been added.

Ms. Washburn discusses her concerns with the Commission being able to meet for the next regularly scheduled meeting January 12, 2021. Mr. Thibeault made suggestion that lets just assume that the meeting will take place on January 12th, if not the applicant can withdraw the application. Chairman Arends polled the Commission, discussion ensued.

Ms. Washburn and Mr. Pauley would like to see better methods used for the temporary sedimentation basin. Ms. Washburn commented that Syl Pauley has not had time to review tonight's plan. Ms. Washburn does not recommend approval tonight. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Arends reviews page 5 of 9 concern steep slope on back southern side. What is the hash marks/plus signs on back? Mr. Thibeault comments that this is erosion control fabric. Mr. Thibeault discusses this with Chairman Arends.

Ms. Washburn asked why is the word condominium not shown on the documents? Mr. Thibeault does not have the answer to this. They are considered multi-family condominium units. This note can be added to the plan. Ms. Washburn asked if each unit is owned and not rented out. Mr. Thibeault stated that is correct. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Arends asked if there were any further questions from Commission Members or the public. No further questions taken.

A motion as made by Jim Paquin to close the public hearing. Richard Oliverson seconded this motion. Discussion held.

Chairman Arends asked if Members would like to wait for the test pit information before rendering a decision?

Mr. Paquin is fine without it. Mr. Sipila commented the more information the easier to make final decision. Mr. Oliverson would like to see all the information. Chairman Arends would like to see all information.

Vote taken all in favor. The motion passes.

Discussion ensued with regards to closing the public hearing.

A motion was made by Chairman Arends to reopen the public hearing on application 081120A and Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area and table to the next regularly scheduled meeting January 12, 2021. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

1. 081120A Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to table application 081120A and Shane Pollock-Applicant/BLB, LLC-Owner, Louise Berry Drive, Map 19, Lot 19, RA Zone; Construction of 51 Single Family Condominium Units with activity in the upland review area and table to the next regularly scheduled meeting January 12, 2021. Rich Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. 090820A Square 1 Building Associates; Tripp Hollow Road, Map 7, Lot 12-1, RA Zone; 4-Lot Subdivision; Residential building construction consisting of houses, driveways, wells, septic systems, and associated grading.

Mr. Deluca CLA Engineers, Inc., addressed Syl Pauley's concerns with regards to grading and concept designs. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Chairman Arends to approve application 090820A Square 1 Building Associates; Tripp Hollow Road, Map 7, Lot 12-1, RA Zone; 4-Lot Subdivision; Residential building construction consisting of houses, driveways, wells, septic systems, and associated grading, because the plans as presented meet the requirements of the IWWC regulations, with the following conditions:

Modifications to the plans to meet the requirement of the town's consulting engineer as contained in his memo dated 11/30/20. A revised plan shall be submitted with the following revisions within 30 days of action by the Commission.

1. The plan should be revised to show flared end sections on the ends of each 15" HDPE pipe to improve flow into and out of the pipes as well as protecting the ends of the pipe from scour.

2. The plan should be revised to show a flared end detail on the construction details plan.
3. The plan should be revised to show a construction detail showing the separation between the 15" pipes on the construction details plan.
4. The "Typical Driveway Cross Section" shown is for a paved driveway. The plan should be revised to show a construction detail for a gravel driveway.
5. The plan should be revised to show that gravel aggregate used for the gravel driveway has a material gradation designation as specified in Connecticut DOT Form 818.
6. The "Drainage Pipe Bedding Detail" specifies ¾" crushed stone for bedding and fill around the twin pipes up to the underside of the gravel surface of the driveway. The plan should be revised to change this to a well-graded gravel material to prevent water from flowing under and around the outside of the pipe, due to large spaces between stones.
7. The plan should be revised to show the gravel aggregate used under the pipes has a material designation as specified in Connecticut DOT Form 818.
8. The plan should be revised to show the pipe inside diameter size as 15."
9. Standard Conditions

Jim Paquin seconded the motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

1. Hearing for Edward L. Branciforte: Violation of Inland Wetlands Regulations for 36 Paradise Drive.

Ms. Washburn reviewed the violation with Commission Members. There has been ongoing wetland filling clearly visible from the road at 36 Paradise drive. Stumps and woody debris and fill has been dumped. A cease-and-desist order was issued telling Mr. Branciforte to stop all site work, to install double staked hay bales at toe of slope, to contact Ms. Washburn for an inspection of the hay bales when installed and to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Branciforte has not complied with any of the above.

Chairman Arends commented that this violation has gone back to the previous Wetland Agent Martha Fraenkel.

Chairman Arends asked if anyone was present at the meeting to represent Mr. Branciforte. No one present to represent. Chairman Arends comments that looking at the timeline and history this person has a blatant disregard for regulations. Chairman Arends asked if he had been dumping asphalt? Ms. Washburn stated back in Ms. Fraenkel's day.

Chairman Arends recommends fining the violator, contact DEEP and Army Corps of Engineers. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Washburn is happy to go to the DEEP and Army Corps of Engineers if it is the Commission's pleasure. Ms. Washburn will draft a citation and run it past Town Counsel. Mr. Paquin will send Ms. Washburn DEEP contact information.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to fine the violator. Rich Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. 120120A Gary McMahon; Woodward Road, Map 10, Lot 25-5, RA Zone; Proposed residential home with driveway, well and septic system.

Ms. Washburn commented that the application came in on 11/18/20. From the IWWC Regulations: "Date of receipt shall be the day of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, immediately following the day of submission to the Commission or its agent of such application, or thirty-five days after such submission, whichever is sooner." Date of the next regularly schedule meeting is 1/12/21. Date of receipt: Wednesday 12/23/20.

The application cannot be received because tonight is a special meeting.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Washburn reiterated the timeline and state statute regarding receiving an application at a special meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to table application 120120A to the next regularly scheduled meeting January 12, 2021. Rich Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

The application number should be changed to 011221A per Ms. Washburn.

3. Terence Veazie, 117 Tatnic Road, Complaint (Permit Transfer 121107A Gorge Forson approved November 21, 2017).

Ms. Washburn received a complaint from neighbor Joe Szarkowicz on November 30, 2020 (see attached). Ms. Washburn reviewed the complaint with Commission Members. Ms. Washburn issued a cease-and-desist order on November 30, 2020. The order was hand delivered by a marshal to the property owners of 117 Tatnic Road-Veazie.

Ms. Washburn visited the site and took photographs. Ms. Washburn called Commission Member Rich Oliverson who suggested to issue a cease-and-desist order (see attached).

Ms. Washburn received another complaint today 12/1/20 from Mr. Szarkowicz. Ms. Washburn reached Mr. Veazie for further discussion of the issues at hand.

Mr. Veazie 117 Tatnic Road (mailing address 145 Tatnic Rd) is attending tonight's meeting and has agreed to reinstall the erosion and sediment controls and will happily comply with the

Commission to rectify all the issues at hand. Ms. Washburn reviews the 55-foot check dam with Mr. Veazie. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Arends recommends that once Mr. Veazie has complied with E and S controls to please contact Ms. Washburn to make sure everything is in place as it should be. Mr. Veazie speaks to the open electrical trench. Mr. Paquin comments that the pipe should be laid in the trench and backfilled, it should not be left open.

Ms. Washburn would like the Commission to guide Mr. Veazie with the order of operation they wish the work finished. Ms. Washburn feels the paramount thing is to get the sedimentation back in place and get the work done as soon as possible. Discussion ensued.

On behalf of the Commission, Ms. Washburn asked Mr. Veazie to install the double staked hay bales and silt fence on both sides within 25 feet of the wetlands crossing and then start filling in the ditch. Mr. Veazie is to contact Ms. Washburn for an inspection once E and S installed. Mr. Veazie agreed to have this taken care of by 12/2/20.

Ms. Washburn advises the Commission Members to visit the site. Mr. Veazie gives verbal permission for Members to visit the site.

Joe Szarkowicz, 103 Tatnic Road. This has been going on for years. There are a set of approved plans that exist, and they need to be followed. Mr. Szarkowicz is concerned with the upcoming rain storm this Saturday.

Ms. Washburn will visit the site on Thursday 12/3/20.

A motion was made by Chairman Arends to leave the cease and desist in order at 117 Tatnic Road with the exception of installation of E and S and the backfill of 25 feet either side of the stream of the trench. Jim Paquin seconds the motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Communications:

1. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report

Ms. Washburn commented that she issued a permit for 41 Bailey Woods Road, agent approval, and the owner ran the add in the paper.

Ms. Washburn commented that Mr. Kausch made a bit of a mess at 29 Tripp Hollow Road. Mr. Kausch cleaned this up and installed silt fence.

2. Budget Update: Reviewed.

3. Meeting Dates 2021:

A motion was made by Rich Oliverson to approve the 2021 meeting dates. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Commentary:

Ms. Washburn asked Chairman Arends when he will have his work schedule and if he could please let the Commission Members know as soon as possible. Chairman Arends agrees to do so.

Ms. Washburn asked what needs to be done to have the new member sworn in. Chairman Arends stated the First Selectman will interview him and then appoint. Mr. Ives stated the Town Clerk's are back to work. Ms. Washburn would like to know when Mr. Brindamour could be sworn in. Mr. Ives was unable to answer due to technical difficulties with WebEx.

Ms. Washburn and the Commission Members thank George Sipila for his time served as a Commission Member.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jim Paquin to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Rich Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.



Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary

Brooklyn Inland Wetlands
Commission

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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

Terence Veazie
117 Tatnic Road
Brooklyn, CT 06234

November 30, 2020

Re: Violation of Inland Wetlands Permit for 117 Tatnic Road

Mr. Veazie:

You are hereby required to immediately CEASE AND DESIST from all site work in the Upland Review Area and in the wetlands at your property 117 Tatnic Road (Assessors Map 16/ Lot 84), except for installing sediment and erosion controls (see below) .

On 11/26/2020, the abutter downstream of your property emailed me the attached message and photographs. Sediment has clearly moved from your property into the abutter's pond downstream.

On 11/30, I received the email and called you to request that you meet me for an inspection at 11:00 am. When I arrived at the property, the driveway was completely blocked by a backhoe and a "No Trespassing" sign was posted on the gate. Refer to the attached inspection report and photographs.

Refer to the attached plan titled "Revised Wetland crossing Forson Subdivision Prepared for Terrance M. Veazie Tatnic Road Brooklyn, Connecticut" for details of the approved erosion/sediment controls.

The failure to install/maintain erosion and sediment controls as shown on the approved plan is in violation of your IWWC permit, #21107A, issued on 1/8/2008, extended by the Commission on 1/10/2012, extended by the Commission to January, 2022, and transferred

from George R. Forson and Joanne K. Forson to Terrance M. Veazie and Lisa D. Veazie on 11/21/2017.

Refer to the attached copy of the CT Wetlands Statutes, Section 22a – 44(b) which enables municipalities to assess civil penalties for violations.

Refer to the attached copy of Section 6 of the Town of Brooklyn IWWC Regulations, which states that any person violating provisions of these regulations shall be subject to enforcement proceedings and penalties.

Refer to the attached Section 20-2 of the Brooklyn Town Ordinance regarding citation procedures and fines for wetlands violations.

You are hereby required to:

Immediately CEASE AND DESIST from all site work in the Upland Review Area and in the wetlands at your property at 117 Tatnic Road.

Immediately install sediment controls as shown on the attached plan titled “Revised Wetland Crossing Forson Subdivision Prepared for Terrance M. Veazie Tatnic Road Brooklyn, Connecticut”.

Call me at the phone number shown below as soon as the silt fence reinforced with hay bales and the 55-foot stone check dam have been installed for a re-inspection.

Attend the Webex IWWC meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, by using your phone or your computer. Instructions for attending the Webex meeting are on the draft meeting agenda, attached. At that meeting, a hearing will take place to provide you the opportunity to be heard and show cause why the Cease and Desist Order should not remain in effect.

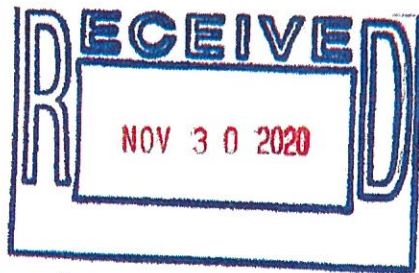
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CC: First Selectman, Rick Ives, Joseph Szarkowicz.

Hello Margaret,



Received 11/30/2020
Re: 117 Tatnic Road
sent 11/26/2020

It has been close to a year since we have talked and up until now a quiet one, unfortunately that has ended.

In the past week there has been considerable activity at the Veazie property in what looks like an attempt to trench for his electrical conduit. I have attached pictures of what that work combined with this morning's rain have resulted in, taken at 12:00 noon today.

I know when we last spoke we had discussed the fact he still had to trench through the wetlands crossing at some point for his conduit and you had assured me that the sedimentation controls would be maintained and in place prior to this work, you can see in the pictures and from what is out there, that they appear to have been untouched (down/missing) for a VERY long time - some I would venture to say since they were installed three years ago.

Also, the trenching, if you call it that, has been performed in such a haphazard way that there are spoils material strewn everywhere about driveway and sides of it through the wetlands crossing and upgradient of it - this is the material that is ending up in my pond. There is a silt plum that covers approximately 1/4 of the pond on the shallow end that is thankfully being held back somewhat by the cattails growing there - but the last time I checked cattails are not a sediment control device.

It seems that every time there is earthwork performed on that property I end up paying the price for for the shortcomings of the so called contractor (and there have been many over the last 3 years). The Town goes out and makes him perform some work to make the site marginally acceptable and then we wait until the next time it happens - and it always seem to. The fact he is a homeowner self performing his own work does not alleviate him from the requirements the Town would hold any legitimate contractor to and that is all I have asked for all along. At the last Wetlands meeting I attended (Dec. 2019) it was referenced that this was a feud going on between myself and Mr. Veazie - I did take great offense to this and would point out that everything I have ever brought up has been clearly denoted on the approved plans for this site or as the result of a clear violation of regulation/siltation incident. When I read the Wetlands Meeting Minutes I see where the Town is not shy to issue Cease and Desist orders in some cases, yet with the number of incidents that have happened here you will not ?

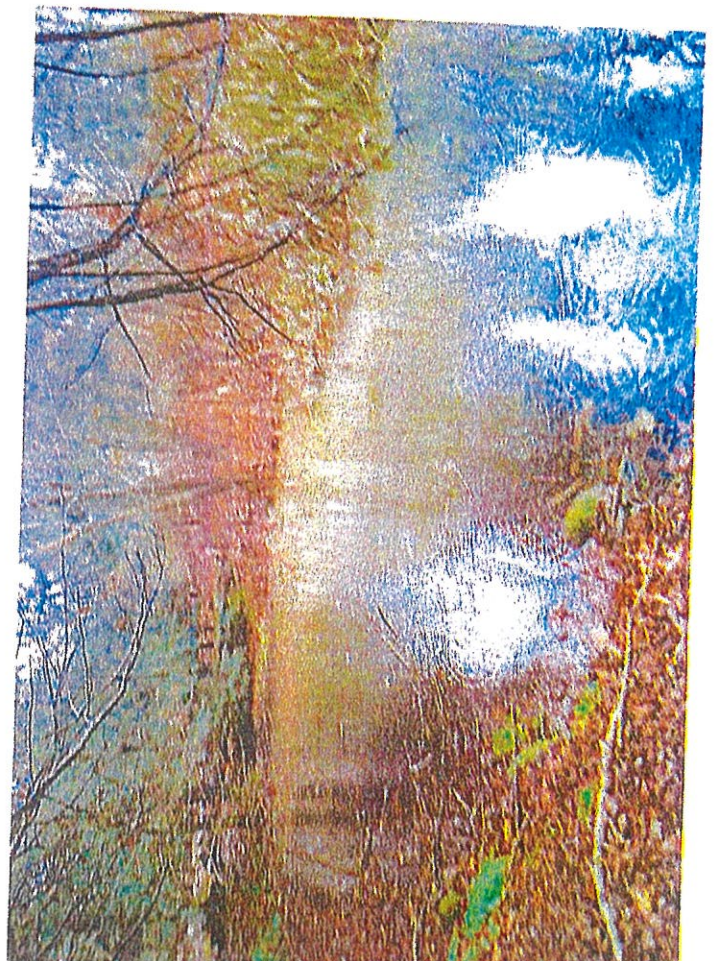
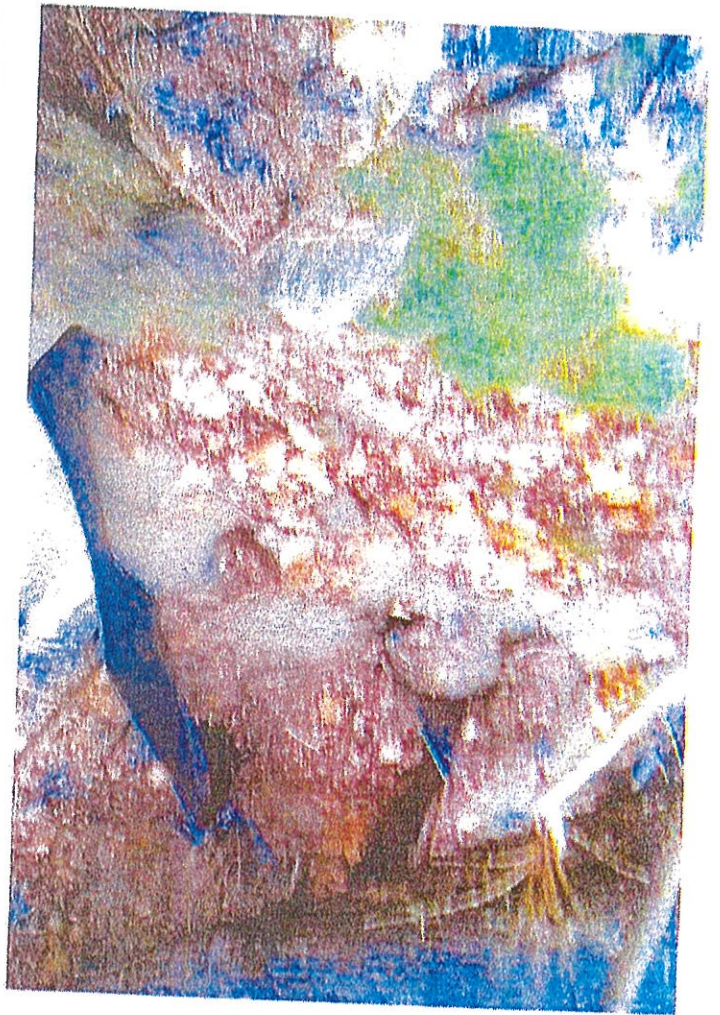
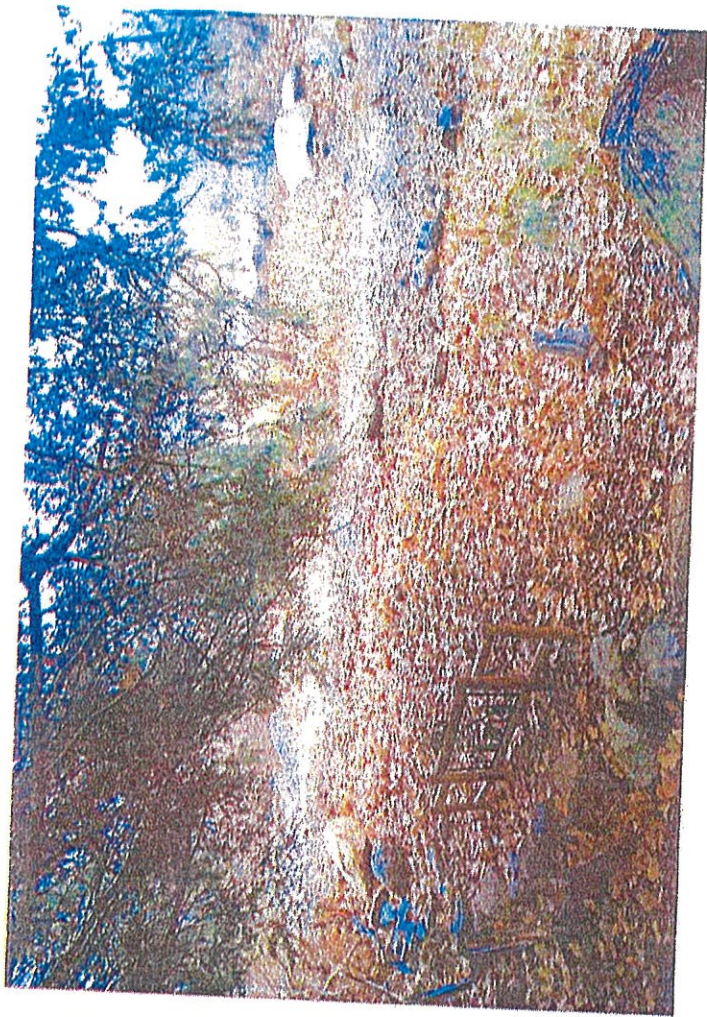
With more heavy rain predicted on Monday I am hoping you might get this before then and take some sort of action but am am not holding out

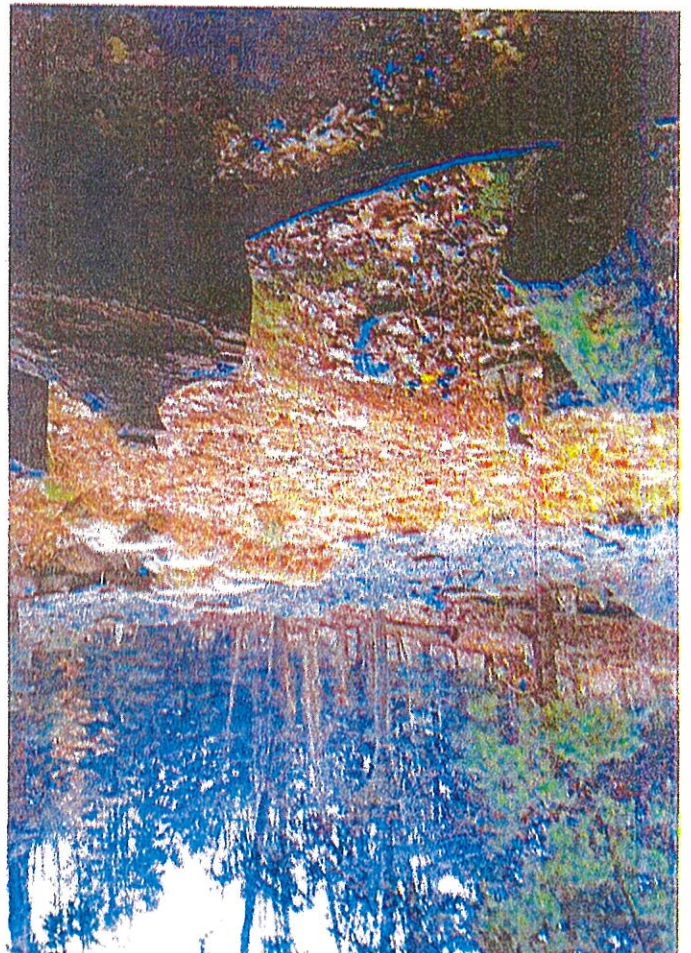
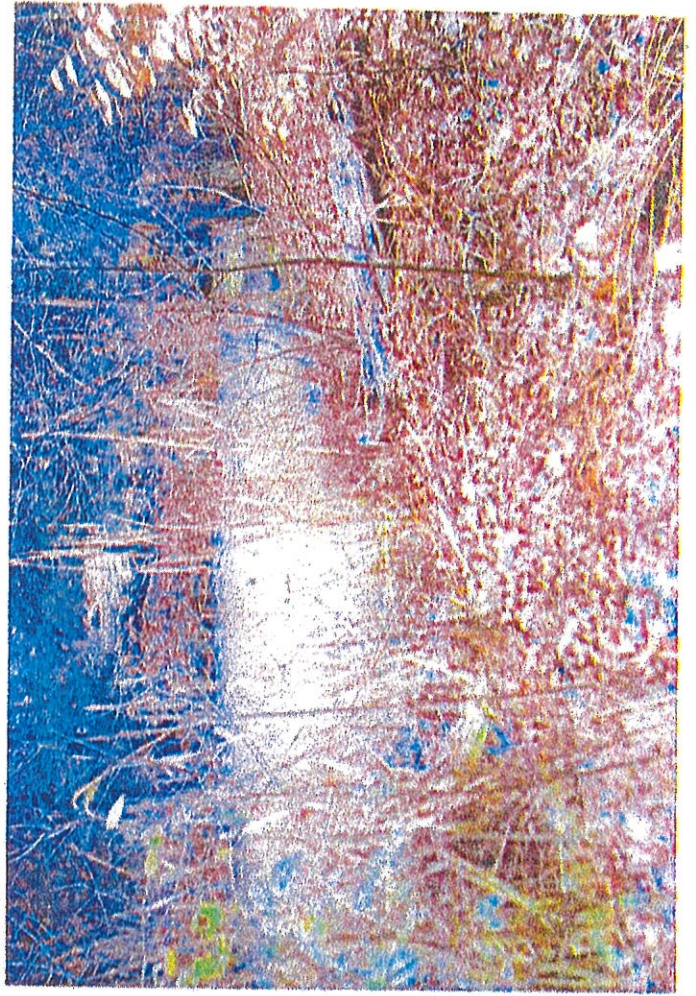
much hope, I'm sure I will be sending you a new round of photos on Monday.. I would appreciate as soon as you get this that you would reach out to me and explain what the Town will do (again) to correct/mitigate this issue. It seems that this type of work is always planned around a Holiday/long weekends where there is little chance of the Town witnessing first hand or potentially shutting down his work.

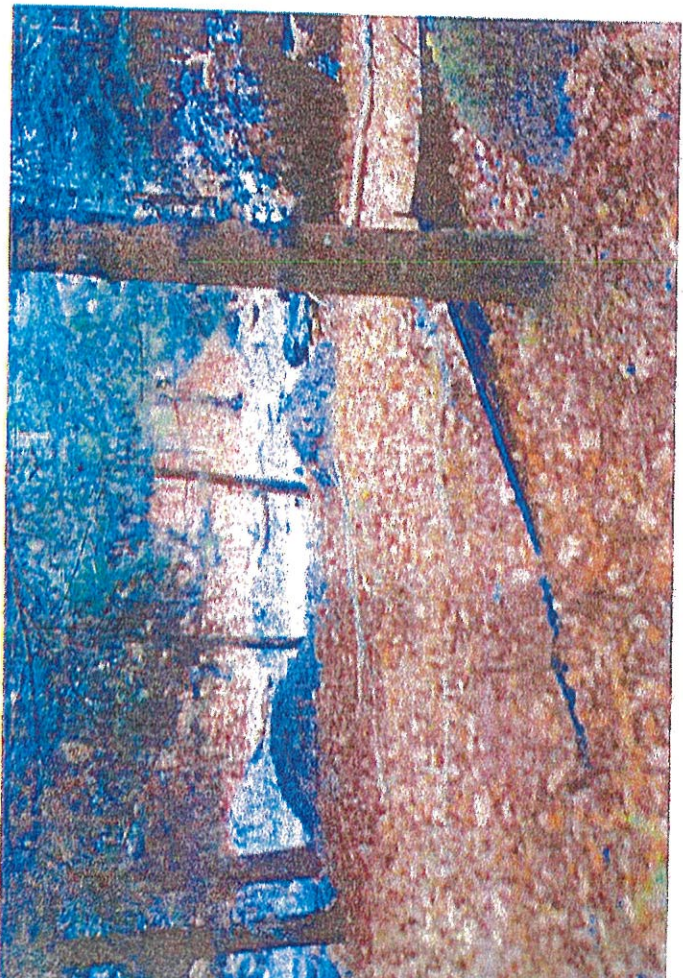
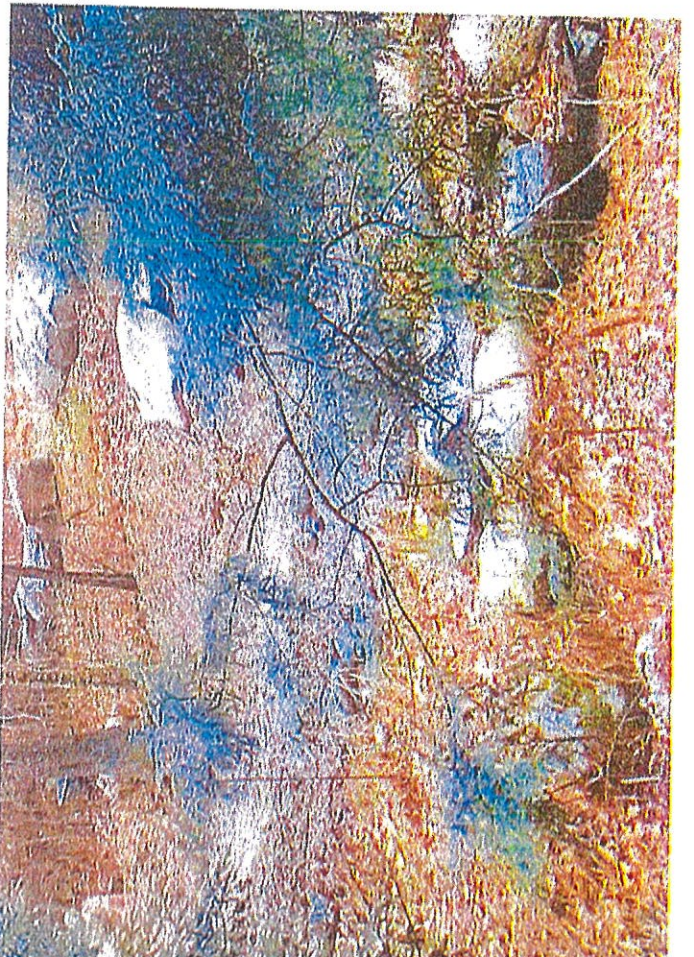
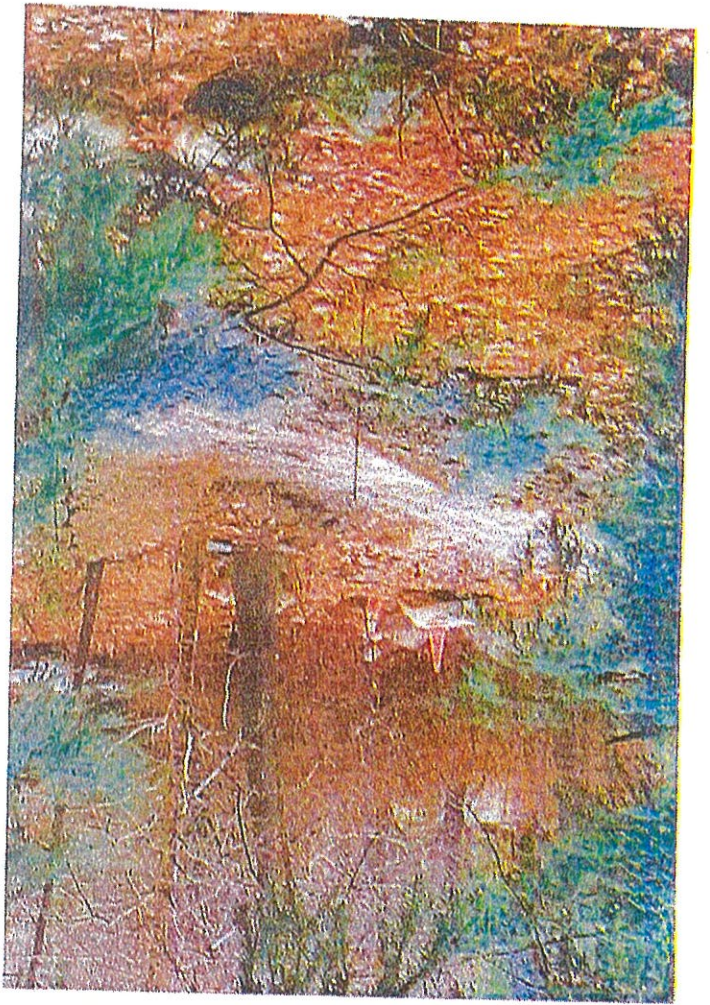
. I hope that your Thanksgiving was more enjoyable than mine.

Regards,

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Inland Wetlands ☒

Zoning Enforcement ☐

Blight Enforcement ☐

SITE INSPECTION NUMBER

1 2 3 4 5

117 Tatnic Rd

11-30-2020

Address

Date

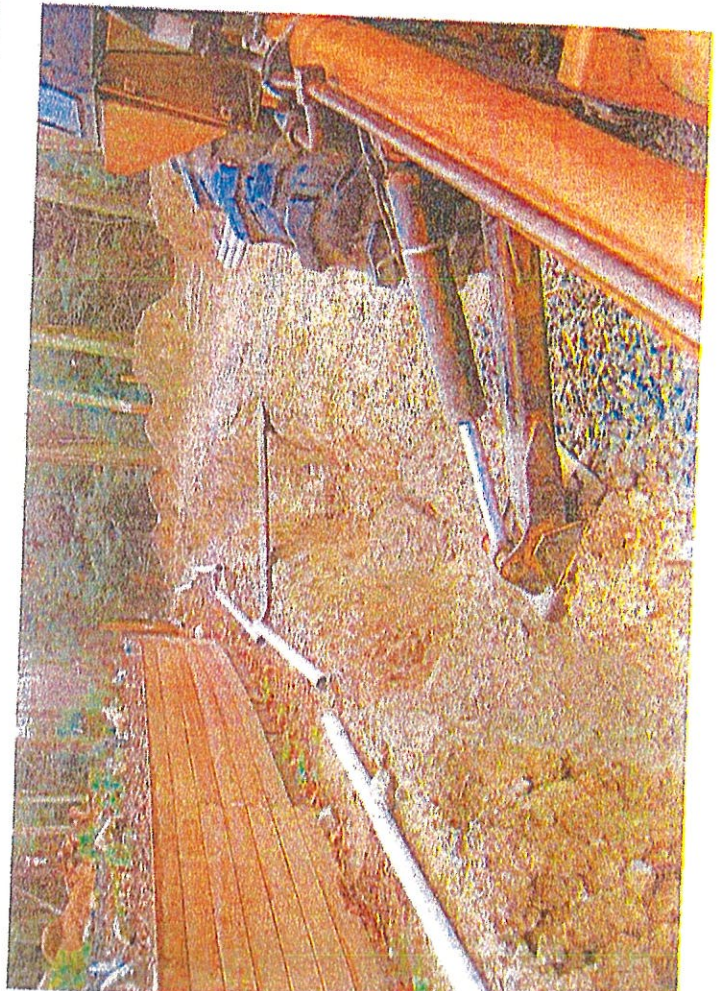
I inspected from the road. A backhoe is completely blocking the driveway, with a No Trespassing sign on the gate. Photos were taken.

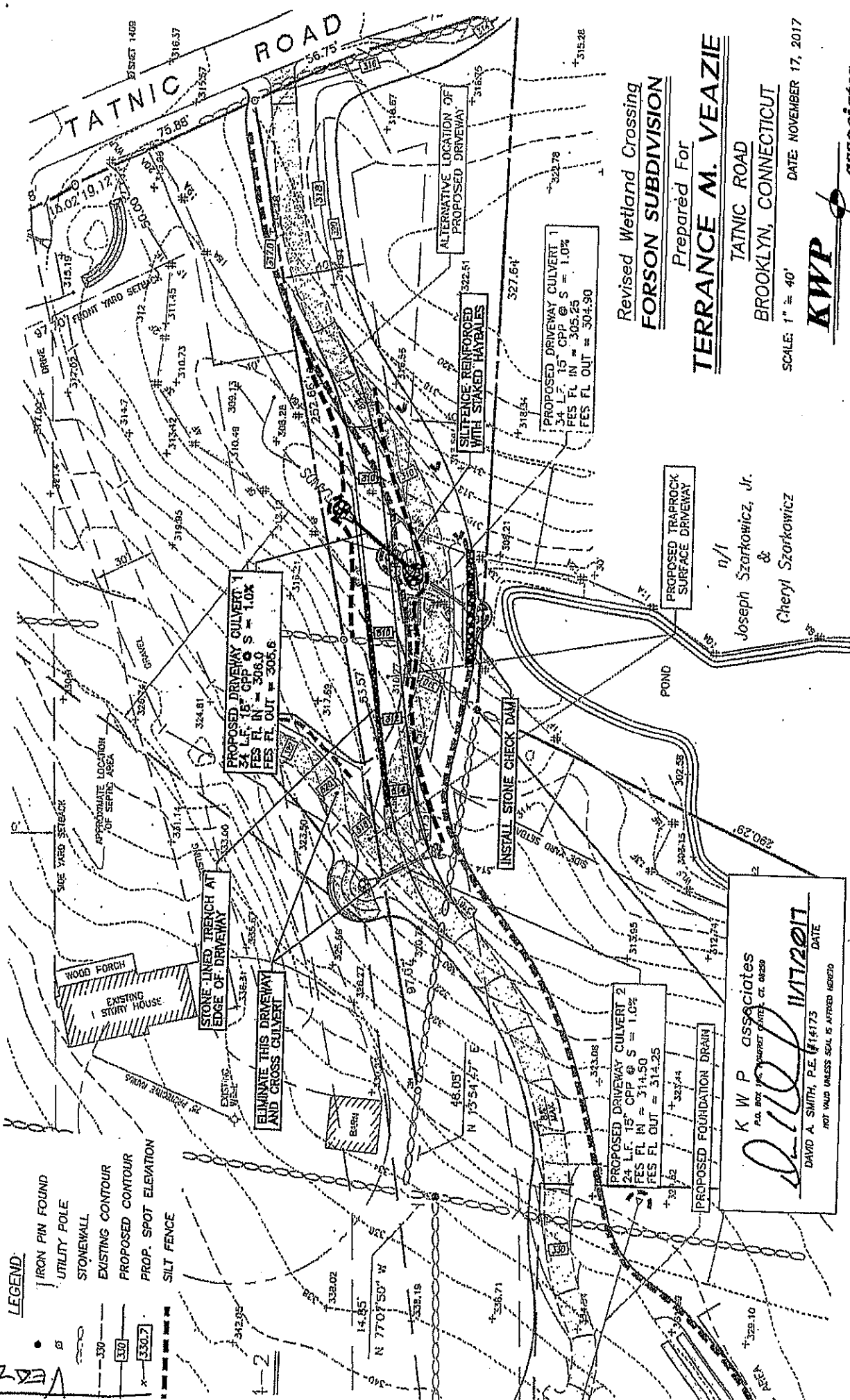
I called the Vice Chairman. I had left a message for Mr. Veazie asking him to meet me.
☐ Issue Cease & Desist order based on neighbor's complaint.

Commission Representative

M. Washburn

Owner or Authorized Signature





LEGEND:

- IRON PIN FOUND
- UTILITY POLE
- STONEWALL
- EXISTING CONTOUR
- PROPOSED CONTOUR
- PROP. SPOT ELEVATION
- SILT FENCE

Revised Wetland Crossing
FORSON SUBDIVISION

Prepared For

TERRANCE M. VEAZIE

TATNIC ROAD

BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT

SCALE: 1" = 40' DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2017

KWP

associates

SURVEYING ~ ENGINEERING ~ SITE PLANNING

PROPOSED TRAPROCK SURFACE DRIVEWAY

n/i
 Joseph Szarkowicz, Jr.
 &
 Cheryl Szarkowicz

POND

INSTALL STONE CHECK DAM

PROPOSED DRIVEWAY CULVERT 1
 34 L.F. 15" CPP @ S = 1.0%
 FES FL IN = 308.0
 FES FL OUT = 305.6

ELIMINATE THIS DRIVEWAY AND CROSS CULVERT

STONE-LINED TRENCH AT EDGE OF DRIVEWAY

PROPOSED DRIVEWAY CULVERT 2
 24 L.F. 15" CPP @ S = 1.0%
 FES FL IN = 314.50
 FES FL OUT = 314.25

PROPOSED FOUNDATION DRAIN

K W P associates
 P.O. BOX 100
 HARTFORD, CT 06250

David A. Smith

DAVID A. SMITH, P.E. 11/17/2017
 DATE

NOT VALID UNLESS SEAL IS AFFIXED HERETO