

## 2013-06-11 Wetlands Reg Mtg Minutes

### Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 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 6:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Robert Rossi, Melissa Labossiere, Lester Philips, Erik Costa and Real Gallant.

**Absent:** George Sipila and Jeffrey Arends with notice.

**Staff Present:** Jana Roberson, AICP Land Use Administrator; Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

**Also Present:** Nancy Dziki.

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

**Seating of Alternates:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

#### 1. Regular Meeting Minutes May 14, 2013.

A motion was made by Erik Costa to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 14, 2013. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes. Robert Rossi abstains.

**Public Commentary:** None.

**New Application Acceptance:** None.

**Reading of Legal Notice:** None.

**New Public Hearings:** None.

**Continued Public Hearings:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

#### 1. 051413A Thomas and Nancy Dziki, 90 Day Street, Map 42, Lot 68B, R-30 Zone, 12 x 38 addition and garage addition, screen porch and entry.

Nancy Dziki property owner represented application 051413A. The proposed is a 12 x 30 addition onto the existing old farmhouse, 24 x 24 garage, 13 x 17 screen porch and an 8 x 9 entryway.

Jana Roberson reviewed the application with the Commission. The activity is within the upland review area. There

is a proposed retaining wall that connects from the shed to the proposed precast concrete stairs. There are some old stone walls along the slope that would prevent any slippage down the slope if there were soil piles there. Silt fence has been proposed along the bottom of the slope in the area that will be impacted. Additionally there is a proposed soil stockpile on the far eastern side of the property with silt fence.

Ms. Dziki would like to fill in a 6-8 inch depression with soil by a maple tree. Ms. Dziki demonstrates this area on the site map with the Commission Members.

Lester Philips asked if there would be hay bales placed along with the silt fence. Ms. Roberson stated this would certainly be a doubly protected measure. Ms. Roberson feels that the proposed silt fence will be sufficient as well as the existing stone walls functioning as retaining walls.

Discussion was held with regards to the excavation. Ms. Dziki stated that top soil will be removed, screened and brought back to the property.

A motion was made by Erik Costa to approve application 051413A. Robert Rossi seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**2. 051413B George Sipila/Eva Sipila 647 Allen Hill Road, Map 31, Lot 24, RA Zone-Repair septic system by installing new septic tank, 1000 gallon two compartment septic tank and installation of associated compartments of the required square footage.**

Chairman Gallant stated that Mr. Sipila did have the wetlands flagged and it is outside of the watercourse, therefore, Agent Approval was granted which was discussed at last month's meeting.

Ms. Roberson handed out a computer generated plan prepared by Mr. Sipila. The Wetlands were flagged and Ms. Roberson confirmed the distances. The wetland soils were not surveyed; however, Ms. Roberson feels the measurements are fairly accurate. The septic system installer hand drew on the plan where he intends to place the silt fence and stockpile fill while installing this gallery septic system. The edge of the yard is at the top of the slope and there is a couple of feet down which is indicated on the plan. The area where the contractor will be working is relatively level and Ms. Roberson did not feel that there was going to be any major potential impacts to the wetlands with the precautions being taken.

**Other Business:**

**1. Appointment of Jana Roberson as Inland Wetlands Agent.**

A motion was made by Robert Rossi to appoint Jana Roberson as the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agent. Lester Philips seconds this motion. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**2. Wetlands Agents Monthly Report.**

**1. IWDA13-004 Kristen Greczkowski, 124 Fairgrounds Road, Map 24, Lot 61, VCD Zone, Installation of an above ground swimming pool 18 x 33 foot.**

Ms. Roberson stated she drove by the property. They are 30 feet from the edge of the wetlands at the intersection of Fairgrounds Road and Tatnic Road. There is a fence and retaining wall in between the adjacent pond and house site. The pool will be located behind the house. The property is pretty level. Chairman Gallant requests that Ms. Roberson do a site inspection prior to any agent approval. Ms. Roberson discussed the zoning setbacks with Commission members.

Lester Philips voiced his concerns with regards to the compaction of the soil at the base of the pool being so close to the wetlands. Ms. Roberson will review this when she does her site visit.

Ms. Roberson discussed a previous approval for a pool where a filter cartridge was required. Chairman Gallant stated that Mr. Larkin spoke with DEP for guidance with regards to swimming pools. Chairman Gallant stated that it was determined that the Wetlands Commission does not have the jurisdiction to dictate what type of pool filter

an applicant may have. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Gallant suggested that for future swimming pools that require Agent Approval, the applicants should indicate where they are going to stockpile soil and where the placement of silt fence will be installed.

**2. IWDA13-005 Clarence Jr. and Wendi St. Jean, 332 Allen Hill Road, Map 33, Lot 148-2, RA Zone, Install above ground swimming pool 21 foot.**

Ms. Roberson has visited the site and has contours and an aerial photo of the site. The site is a very level lot. There was standing water on their lawn today due to all of the rain as of late. The wetlands is 50 feet away from the proposed pool. Ms. Roberson feels that the installation of the pool will not have any potential impact to the wetlands. It is all lawn now where the pool is going to be installed.

**3. Update on Wal-Mart.**

Milone and MacBroom Senior Construction Inspector Alan S. Lobaugh's reports dated 4/19/13, 5/10/13 and 6/4/13 were handed out to Commission Members for their review. Ms. Roberson did a site visit last week. They are utilizing good management practices on the site. The large detention basins in the rear are all installed, planted and seeded. On a later visit there had been some slight footprint damage to one of the newly seeded slopes due to an incident with damage to a retaining wall. There is a double line of silt fence all along the exterior of the property. The silt fence they are using is constructed of steel stakes with plastic sheathing with a steel mesh behind it tied with steel ties to the metal posts in a double line. Ms. Roberson is impressed with their commitment to protecting the limit of disturbance. A few trees were lost along the perimeter due to Hurricane Sandy. The Contractors on site will not touch anything outside their limit of disturbance. Ms. Roberson discussed the chain link fence with the herpetile (reptile and amphibian) fencing.

Erik Costa asked what the west side of the property looks like. Ms. Roberson states that it looks beautiful. They have started to plant some mountain laurel. They are in the process of decommissioning the access roads.

**4. Modification of previously approved application 11/13/12 – 100912A Carol Linkkila 140 Elliott Road, Map 12, Lot 6, RA Zone – Addition to house 3 season room 12 x 28 – amend permit to add portico to front door and deck off the 12 x 28 addition.**

A motion was made by Erik Costa to add the modification of previously approved application 100912A to the agenda as item #4 under Other Business. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Roberson has visited the site and reviewed pictures with Commission Members. Ms. Roberson stated the silt fence was not installed properly. The three season room is built on sono-tubes which hardly disturbed the soil. There is a 2-3 foot drop from the deck and the sono-tubes down to the pond. After the recent rain there has been no evidence of the pea stone having moved around or any erosion. The new proposed deck and entrance portico are further away from the pond. Only the sono-tubes are in place for the proposed deck.

Chairman Gallant requests that the modification needs to be reflected on the previously approved plan. Ms. Roberson agrees to do so.

A motion was made by Lester Philips to approve the modifications as designed and to fix the silt fence. Robert Rossi seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Robert Rossi to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Erik Costa seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

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Audrey Cross-Lussier  
IWWC Recording Secretary

