

2013-04-09 Wetlands Reg Mtg Minutes

Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 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 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Real Gallant, George Sipila, Lester Philips, Melissa Labossiere and Jeffrey Arends.

Absent: Erik Costa and Robert Rossi with notice.

Staff Present: Audrey Cross-Lussier- Recording Secretary, Jim Larkin-Interim Wetlands Agent.

Also Present: Paul Archer, Greg Glaude, Harry Adams, Al and Mae Lyons.

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

Seating of Alternates: None.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes March 12, 2013.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2013. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Acceptance:

1. 040913A Richard and Terry Jax, 10 Hickory Lane, Map 43, Lot 43-10, RA Zone-Working in Upland Review Area- Expansion of lawn, gravel drive, grading of bank.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to accept application 040913A onto the agenda. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Reading of Legal Notice: None.

New Public Hearings: None.

Continued Public Hearings: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. 031213A Carol Bard, Hyde Road, Map 25, Lot 45A, VCD Zone – Improvement of an existing

gravel driveway and construction of two single family homes with drilled wells and on-site septic systems.

Greg Glaude from Killingly Engineering Associates represents application 031213A. The proposed is a 2-lot subdivision. Ms. Bard currently owns two properties; one is the existing house up front where a boundary line adjustment was done. The 2-lot subdivision will consist of a shared driveway; one house in the front and the other house will be further back on the property. The back lot previously had a house which was torn down a few years ago. The only wetlands disturbance is the existing gravel driveway with an undersized pipe. The proposed is to widen the driveway from 12 ft. to 15 ft. and replace the pipe with a 12 inch concrete pipe. There is no real flow there, but to maintain continuity between the two wetlands. There is approximately 325 feet of wetlands disturbance. A report has been supplied by Michael Schaefer Professional Soil Scientist dated February 27, 2013. Mr. Schaefer's professional opinion was that the proposed development activities appear to provide reasonable buffers to the closest wetlands and should not cause any significant negative impacts to any wetland resources. Mr. Glaude also provided the subdivision approval from the Northeast District Department of Health dated March 18, 2013. Mr. Glaude also reviewed a letter from NECCOG Engineer Syl Pauley dated April 9, 2013, stating his professional opinion is that the proposed work within the wetland to improve the usefulness and safety of the driveway will have little or no impact on the wetland system.

The back lot is completely out of the upland review area, the only area of review is the driveway. Lot #1 is already a clear open field with a large stone wall that runs adjacent to the wetlands that will be left in place which will make a nice buffer and break between the useful area of Lot #1 and keeping it removed from the wetlands.

Chairman Gallant asked if the site map shows the driveway at 15 feet. Mr. Glaude stated it shows both the existing driveway width and the proposed widening.

Jim Larkin did a drive by of the driveway area and in speaking with Syl Pauley there are no concerns.

Jeff Arends reviews and discusses the site map with Mr. Glaude.

Lester Philips asked if the concrete pipe will have flanges on the ends. Mr. Glaude stated it was not specked out on the map, however, if the Commission desires this it can be added.

Chairman Gallant asked if the utilities will be in the driveway. Mr. Glaude stated there is a set of overhead wires which will be utilized and then it will go underground the rest of the way. Mr. Glaude demonstrates this on the site map.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to approve 031213A with the addition of flared ends of the concrete pipe. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

2. Discussion of Keith and Melissa Hoyt, 13 Hickory Lane, question of wetlands violation with abutting neighbor at 10 Hickory Lane, Richard Jax-Rock Mining Operation.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to remove item #2 under Unfinished Business for discussion. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Other Business:

1. Action by Duly Authorized Agent – IWDA13-001 Patrick Riley, 81 Preston Road, Map 1, Lot 21, Construction of a 28 x 28 Attached Garage.

Jim Larkin stated that the property of Mr. Riley at 81 Preston Road is approximately 75 feet from the wetland boundary with a decent slope. There is a full paved driveway approximately 45 feet. The actual proposed attached garage will fit within this paved area, so any construction will be already within the paved area. Mr. Larkin issued agent approval and depicted on a map where erosion and sedimentation should be installed prior to construction; once installed Mr. Riley will call the office for an inspection before he starts digging. Discussion held. Chairman Gallant asks that a copy of the map is attached with the wetlands file.

2. Update on Land Use Administrator.

Chairman Gallant stated that there were approximately 25 resumes which have been reviewed. There are five candidates that have been selected and are awaiting references. A meeting will be held on April 11, 2013 to review references and then set up the interview process.

3. Update on WalMart.

Jim Larkin performed a site visit today (4/9/13) at WalMart. Mr. Larkin met with Mike Kowalczyk, superintendent on site. Mr. Larkin walked the entire perimeter of the site where the silt fence was. There did not appear to be any issues with any portion of the silt fence. There were a couple of areas where some trees fell during the winter storms and knocked down some of the silt fence. The trees were cut up and silt fence repaired in those areas. They have doubled up on the silt fence around most of the site and the disturbed areas along with a J shape that has been created on some of the smaller downward slopes which works to collect other debris (mostly sand). There were very few areas where you could see material moving into the silt fence. A few temporary drainage basins have been installed on-site that are set up toward the front, another toward the southwest. They are getting ready for the northern section/main drainage basins to the rear of the property. They are already at grade and are starting to loam and vegetate those areas. Tree deliveries were made today for the larger trees that are going along the rear of the building. They are hoping to get vegetation established fairly quickly because all the catch basins and drainage basins are in. Mr. Kowalczyk has no problems with weekly inspections being performed as long as the Wetlands Agent signs in and they receive a copy of the inspection report for their files. Mr. Larkin also commented that the latest report from Milone & MacBroom, Inc has been received dated March 14, 2013.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to add to the agenda under other business 213 Spaulding Road, existing timber harvest. George Sipila seconds the motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

4. Robert A. Lyons, 213 Spaulding Road, Map 37, Lot 3, RA Zone-Clean up after Timber Harvest Activity.

Mr. Larkin stated that back in December of 2012 an approval was given for action by a duly authorized agent for a tree harvest. Mr. Jeff Adams, certified forester, is proposing to clean up the brush areas and the left over larger pieces of wood and tree tops that are on the ground. The only trees that will be taken down are hangers, leaners or dead trees that are creating an unsafe condition. There are wetlands on the property with one small wetlands crossing with corduroy in place. Mr. Larkin met with Mr. Adams this afternoon at the site and questioned whether or not the corduroy should be removed when they were done and seeded. Mr. Larkin advised not to remove the corduroy. Mr. Larkin discussed at length the proposed work to be done with Commission Members as well as transfer of this permit to the new forester Mr. Adams.

Commission members unanimously agreed that this is a timber harvest, an as of right use. The corduroy is to be left alone and not to be removed.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jeff Arends to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Lester Philips seconded this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
IWWC Recording Secretary

