

**Brooklyn Inland Wetland Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2016**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 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: Real Gallant, Jeffrey Arends, George Sipila, Richard Oliverson, Demian Sorrentino, Melissa Labossiere.

Members Absent: None.

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

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

Seating of Alternates: None.

Additions to Agenda:

1. DR16-009 Paul Lehto. A motion was made by Jeff Arends to add to the agenda DR16-009 Paul Lehto, Property Owner/Dana Hopkins, Supervising Forest Harvester, Riverwalk Drive, Map 32, Lot 148, Selective Timber Harvest. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2016.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 11, 2016. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. Demian Sorrentino abstains, not present at the meeting. The motion passes.

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Receipt:

1. 110816A Marc and Mary Ducat, 111 Clearview Drive, Map 33, Lot 36-7, R30 Zone, build a 24 x 32 ft garage on 2.65 acres in upland review area.

Chairman Gallant asked Ms. Fraenkel if the application is complete. Ms. Fraenkel stated yes. The application is being received and determination made if a public hearing is required.

Ms. Fraenkel gives a summary of the application. The property has flagged wetlands. The flags are no longer there, however, Ms. Fraenkel walked the property and feels confident where the wetlands are. The applicant is proposing to place a newly constructed free standing garage approximately 20 feet from the wetlands. The area where the garage would be built is already cleared, there would not be much impact in terms of a buffer to the wetlands since he is not clearing woods. The area is quite flat. The impact is not dramatic.

Marc Ducat, property owner, speaks on behalf of the application. Mr. Ducat reviews the proposed plan and photographs of where the garage will be constructed with Commission Members.

Mr. Oliverson asked Ms. Fraenkel if she has been to the site. She stated she has, it is quite flat. Considering how close the applicant proposes the garage to be the impact would be relatively little because of minimal grade and no trees to be cleared.

Mr. Arends asked Mr. Ducat if he is pouring a slab for this garage. Mr. Ducat stated yes he was going to dig a foundation and pour a slab.

Chairman Gallant asked where the stockpile of the material will be. Mr. Ducat reviews where the stockpiling area will be placed away from the wetlands.

Mr. Sorrentino asked how much distance is there from the lawn and the wetlands. Will there be any more clearing done? Mr. Ducat stated it will stay as it is. Mr. Ducat stated there is probably about 10 feet from the lawn to the wetlands.

Chairman Gallant would like to see where the stockpile and the erosion control measures will be on the plan. Mr. Sorrentino discussed different types of E and S measures.

Mr. Sorrentino asked if the stockpile will be removed. Mr. Ducat stated he will use some as loam for his garden and have the rest removed.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to receive application 110816A. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. Discussion held.

Mr. Arends asked if the Commission wishes to have the wetlands reflagged. Ms. Fraenkel does not recommend it in this case. She could track it, feels comfortable and confident that she can see where the edge of the wetlands is. The risk to the wetland system is very low.

All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Hearings: None.

Old Business:

1. 101116A Paul Sansoucy, Pomfret Road (Route 169) Map 26, Lot 19, RA Zone; Proposed 1-Lot subdivision for the purpose of future residential construction with a house, driveway, septic system and well. No proposed disturbance of wetlands.

Bruce Woodis, KWP Associates, represents application 101116A. Mr. Sansoucy is proposing to build a house next to his quarry on Route 169/Pomfret Road. Last month a subdivision plan with 2 building lots was submitted. After consideration, Mr. Sansoucy has decided to go with a one lot subdivision. There is an existing residence on the property and to build this house he has to create a lot.

Mr. Woodis said that much of the impact to upland review area involved driveways associated with the second lot. By removing the second lot, most of the building area of the house, the out building, upper driveway, septic system and well are out of the upland review area. Plans have been submitted to the Department of Health. They have asked for a revision in moving the reserve area from out under the driveway. This has been done and resubmitted to them, awaiting approval.

Chairman Gallant asked if the driveway is the only thing in the upland review area. Mr. Woodis stated yes. They are utilizing an existing paved apron that is located at the beginning of the proposed driveway, extend, wrap it around and up. Mr. Oliverson and Mr. Arends visited the site.

Ms. Fraenkel makes a recommendation as a condition that the silt fence that is in place become the limits of disturbance in the upland review area.

Mr. Sorrentino asked if this property has been previously quarried or is it separate. Mr. Woodis stated it has been recently logged. Mr. Oliverson stated the driveway is in and the lot cleared.

Mr. Woodis stated the access to the quarry is the driveway that runs by the house and the barn. There will be a separate driveway access to the new residence.

Jeff Arends moved to approve the application of Paul Sansoucy for a 1 lot subdivision (of 10.55 acres from a 164 acre parcel) on Pomfret Road/Route 169/Map 26 Lot 19, based on the submitted application and plans prepared by KWP Associates dated 10/5/16 and revised to 10/21/16 titled "Subdivision Plan Prepared for PAUL SANSOUCY POMFRET ROAD (ROUTE 169) BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT for construction of a house, driveway, septic system and well with no proposed disturbance of wetlands, with the following conditions:

1. No work pursuant to the wetlands permit may begin until the Planning and Zoning Commission approval is obtained.
2. The silt fence shall establish the clearing limits. No further disturbance of the soil and removal of vegetation shall occur within the upland review area.
3. Standard conditions.

George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

1. Regular Meeting Schedule for 2017.
All members accepted the regular meeting schedule for 2017.
2. DR16-009 Paul Lehto, Property Owner/Dana Hopkins, Supervising Forest Harvester, Riverwalk Drive, Map 32, Lot 148, Selective Timber Harvest.

Ms. Fraenkel stated the application came in yesterday and she has not walked the property. This is to the east of the Lehto sand and gravel operation and access will be through it. There is one stream crossing proposed. Ms. Fraenkel provided a wetlands map from the GIS application for review. The proposed timber harvest is not a clear cut in wetlands.

Dana Hopkins, supervising forest harvest, represents application DR16-009. There is one small stream crossing about a foot-wide stream. The stream is a steady flow, but during a dry time it does stop. Jeff Arends asked if it is running now. Mr. Hopkins stated yes, there is not much in it but it is running. Mr. Sorrentino asked if there are wetlands on either side. Mr. Hopkins stated there is, it is narrow through there, on one side 50 feet the other side 10 feet. He will corduroy and place bridges across. Ms. Fraenkel stated the owner's signature is pending. Chairman's approval cannot be done without the owner's signature. Chairman Gallant will not sign off on the application until Ms. Fraenkel does a site walk. Ms. Fraenkel will set this up with Mr. Hopkins.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to authorize application DR16-009 as an as of right use, Paul Lehto, Property Owner/Dana Hopkins, Supervising Forest Harvester, Riverwalk Drive, Map 32, Lot 148, Selective Timber Harvest, with the conditions that the Wetlands Agent walks the site along with the Chairman's approval and the owner signs the application. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion.

Discussion held. Ms. Labossiere asked for clarification of the address. Ms. Fraenkel stated it is at the end of Riverwalk Drive. Chairman Gallant asked if the selective cutting is the entire lot. Mr. Hopkins stated it is almost entirely behind/east of the gravel pit. Chairman Gallant asked this be marked on the plan.

All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Communications:

Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.

1. Plaza Street illegal dumping. Ms. Fraenkel sent the neighborhood a letter requesting that the dumping be stopped. With the help of Public Works Dept., Ms. Fraenkel has had mafia barriers placed at the end of the cul-de-sac.

2. Regis Properties. Ms. Fraenkel will inspect the Regis Properties on this coming Thursday, Gravel Pit on Allen Hill Rd and Proulx Street.
3. Wetlands Procedures-Evaluation of Jurisdiction and Impact for Proposed Activities (No Permit Needed, No Impact Ruling, Declaratory Ruling, Permit Issued as Duly Authorized, Permit Required and Permit Required with Public Hearing). Ms. Fraenkel requests that the Commission review the handout and report any comments at next month's meeting.
4. Hoyt Driveway Hickory Lane. The driveway is done; however, the mitigation area is not done. Mr. Hoyt said within a week his clearing will be done. Ms. Fraenkel commented when there is mitigation there should be a bond or some provision for completion or penalty.
5. 90 Preston Road. There has been a barn constructed without permits. This is animal related approximately 20 x 20, Ms. Fraenkel believes it is in wetlands.
6. Removal of Corduroy. Would like the Commission's opinion on removal or leaving it in. Chairman Gallant commented that it has been the consensus of the Commission that it does more damage taking it out than it does leaving it in. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jeff Arends to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Richard Oliverson seconded this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary