

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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: Jeff Arends, George Sipila, Melissa Labossiere, Richard Oliverson.

Absent: James Paquin and Demian Sorrentino with notice.

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

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

Also Present: Anthony and Michelle Santos, Frank and Joann Titus, Kyle Timoteo, and Aaron Kerouac.

Seating of Alternates: None.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2017.

A motion was made by George Sipila to approve the special meeting minutes of March 27, 2017. Melissa Labossiere seconds this motion. No discussion held. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Commentary: None.

New Application Receipt: None.

Public Hearings: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. IWDA17-002 Anthony and Michelle Santos, 68 Westview Drive; Installation of in-ground pool, placement of fill, grading and seeding of future lawn/yard area.

Anthony and Michelle Santos, property owners represent application IWDA17-002. Mrs. Santos commented when they purchased the property there was an existing in ground swimming pool. Major repairs were needed so a decision was made to install a new pool. The Santos' signed a contract to have the pool replaced. The pool company did not state they needed permits.

Secondly, they are trying to expand the back yard. The backyard has a fair amount of wooded area to be removed. Thus far, trees and stumps have been removed. Fill that was on the property was used to level off the area. Grading was done from 15 to 20 feet from the clearing limit. This area is ready to be loamed and seeded.

Ms. Fraenkel informed Mr. and Mrs. Santos that permits were needed (wetlands, zoning and building) therefore the project was stopped. Silt fence was placed. There is a major swamp system to the rear, which is defined as a watercourse. The silt fence is the boundary of where they wish to install lawn and where they are to stop. There will be no more activity behind the silt fence. The clear cutting is not closer than 25 feet to the watercourse and generally further. Photos were reviewed with Commission Members.

Mr. Oliverson asked if the fence was installed at 50 feet. Ms. Fraenkel reviewed the photo of the inlet, the closest point at 25 feet, then it gets further away. There is a pipe that was installed to accommodate pool discharge which falls 90 feet from the water.

Mrs. Santos commented that the pool company will move the pipe and tie into existing French drains.

Ms. Fraenkel discussed installation of a shallow yard side of the silt fence to slow down and reduce runoff into the wetlands. The wetlands have not been flagged.

The inground pool will be 20 ft. x 40 ft.

Mr. Arends stated he is concerned about lawn fertilizer that may be used that could run into the swamp. Fraenkel will review organic lawn care with the applicants.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to move to authorize permit approval as duly authorized by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Chairman and the Wetlands Agent of Application IWDA17-0002 submitted by Anthony and Michelle Santos, 68 Westview Drive, for: Installation of an inground pool; placement of fill; clearing; grading and seeding of a rear yard all within the upland review area at 68 Westview Drive with the following conditions:

1. The silt fence remains in place until the lot has been fully stabilized and the inland wetlands agent authorizes silt fence removal.
2. The silt fence is to be maintained by the property owner throughout the period it is in place. It shall remain fully functional to prevent sediment from escaping further into the upland review area and toward the watercourse/swamp.
3. There will be no further activity of any kind behind/to west of the silt fence without additional approval by the IWWC or its agent.
4. A shallow swale approximately 4 ft. wide by 6 inches deep shall be created on the east (house) side parallel to the silt fence to aid in infiltration of storm water and any pool

discharge. Seeding of the lot shall not take place until the swale has been approved by the wetlands agent.

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

2. IWDA17-003 Frank and Joann Titus, East end of Riverfarm Drive; Pulling stumps and placement of fill in wetlands (alluvial soil) and upland review area for a vehicle access route to Quinebaug River to facilitate use for passive recreation.

Frank and Joann Titus, property owners, represent application IWDA17-003. Mrs. Titus stated they purchased the property a year and a half ago. They have no current plans to build a house, however, they would like to clear trees and remove stumps to create a driveway to the river. They would like to place gravel on the hill area to make it stable for travel. The area in question is about 150 feet. It will take approximately 2-3 tri-axes of process gravel to cover the area. Once the stumps are removed by an excavator the holes will be filled with soil that is on the property.

Mr. Arends asked Ms. Fraenkel if she has been to the site. She stated yes, it is a very pristine flat forest with very little standing water. There is an area that could be a vernal pool about 50 feet from where they are working, however, there will be no impact. There is little risk of erosion and sedimentation, the water drains very well. The wetlands have not been flagged.

Ms. Fraenkel asked where the stumps will be taken. Mr. Titus stated they will leave them to dry out and have them removed from the property sometime next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus reviewed the site plan with Commission Members.

A motion was made by George Sipila to move to authorize permit approval of IWDA17-003 as duly authorized by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Chairman and the Wetlands Agent; application of Frank and Joann Titus, Riverfarm Drive, Assessor's parcel Map 43, Lot 15, for activity within the upland review area and inland wetlands for a vehicle access route to the Quinebaug River to facilitate use of the property for passive recreation according to the submitted application with the following conditions:

1. Permittee shall contact the wetlands agent at least 2 business days before pulling stumps commences.
2. The stump disposal location shall be reviewed and approved by the wetlands agent.
3. Approval is subject to stand permit conditions.

Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

4. DR17-001 Kyle Timoteo, 132 Church Street; Request for ruling of activity as a use by right; property maintenance and landscaping activities in wetlands and upland review area.

Ms. Fraenkel stated she has been to the site. This is a declaratory ruling for as of right including work in wetlands. Mr. Timoteo is attempting to clean up the property-landscaping maintenance. There were many ash trees that had fallen down being there for years which he removed. There was also trash, scrap metal removed out of the wetlands.

Mr. Arends noted the silt fence, asked if there was an intermittent watercourse. Ms. Fraenkel asked the applicant to place the silt fence. The intermittent watercourse is already drying up. The channel does not exist because of the recent activity. This will re-establish itself. It will not be a large channel, there is not that much flow. Commission Members reviewed photographs of the site. Mr. Oliverson discusses his concerns with the road flow which comes across the street. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Oliverson asked Mr. Timoteo what the pipe is for. Mr. Timoteo will use this as sono-tubes for a future deck.

All Commission Members are all in agreement that this is an as of right use, no permit required.

Communications:

1. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report

- Regis Violation – Ms. Fraenkel updates and reviews photographs with the Commission. She is working with Mr. Regis on closing the gravel permit and the reclamation process.
- 49 Pomfret Road – The house burned down some time ago. Owner lost the property recently due to a lien. There is a lot of junk on the property as well as a trailer. There is a swamp on the property. The owner is removing and selling interior stone walls which are close to the swamp area. Ms. Fraenkel will issue an order and have it served. The order will be recorded in the land records. Discussion ensued.
- Connecticut Water – Ms. Fraenkel received a notice from Connecticut Water its authorization to pull water from wells for servicing Putnam. They are under a general permit for DEP. It was a general 10-year permit that has expired.

2. Budget

Commission reviews revenue and expenditure budgets. All look good.

Mr. Arends mentions that on Creamery Brook Road somebody ran a dirt bike through the brook and left huge ruts in the wetlands. Ms. Fraenkel will visit the site.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Melissa Labossiere to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary