

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2017**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None.

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

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

**Also Present:** Bruce Woodis, Joe Szarkowicz, Rebecca Welch, Evan Dunn, Donald Dubois.

**Seating of Alternates:** None.

**Additions to Agenda:** A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to add onto the agenda the permit transfer for the Forson Subdivision. James Paquin seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting Minutes October 24, 2017.

Demian Sorrentino had one question related to the motion with regards to blasted rock to hammered rock on application 091217B Craig Brezniak. Was this just a technical correction as to how the rock was created? Ms. Fraenkel stated yes. Mr. Sorrentino asked if the minutes reflect the modified motion, not the motion that made the modification. Discussion ensued. Ms. Fraenkel commented it was stated as recorded and then it was corrected. The minutes reflect what happened. Mr. Sorrentino has no modifications. Chairman Arends stated the minutes will be accepted as written.

**New Application Receipt:**

**1. IWDA17-006 Rebecca Walsh, 84 Herrick Road; Build a 34 ft. x 36 ft. addition to existing house in the upland review area.**

Ms. Fraenkel asked the Commission to determine whether or not this can be considered a duly authorized.

Evan Dunn and Rebecca Welch property owners represent the application.

Ms. Fraenkel handed out photographs of the surrounding wetlands and where the addition is proposed. The proposed addition is 70 feet from the wetlands and the grade is about 10% to the wetlands. There is a typical shrub community, red maples. There is a stream at the bottom. Chairman Arends asked if the stream is continuous or intermittent. Ms. Fraenkel stated she thinks it is continuous.

Mr. Sorrentino asked the property owners if they knew what the past use of the property was. There was a proposal to build a 3-bedroom house which was never done and no longer proposed. The existing barn has been converted into a one-bedroom home. Mr. Sorrentino asked if the septic area shown for the new house been installed. Mr. Dunn stated when the barn was converted into a house a new septic was installed with two 1,000-gallon tanks with a pump chamber. Ms. Fraenkel has visited the site.

Mr. Dunn stated they will construct 4-foot frost walls with post and beam construction. Mr. Sorrentino asked if the stakes in the photo are the limits of the proposed addition. Mr. Dunn stated yes. Ms. Fraenkel stated it is approximately 70 to 75 feet to wetlands and 106 feet to the watercourse. The wetlands flagging is no longer there, Ms. Fraenkel does not feel it is necessary. There is a 10% grade down the bank to wetlands. Mr. Dunn stated the stream is intermittent.

Commission Members discussed the duly authorized process.

Discussion was held where the excess material will be deposited as a temporary stockpile.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to receive application IWDA17-006. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to move to authorize permit approval as duly authorized by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Wetlands Agent of Application IWDA17-006 submitted by Rebecca Welch, 84 Herrick Road; Build a 34 ft. x 36 ft. addition to existing house in the upland review area. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Arends stated the duly authorized action shall take place after the 14 day waiting period.

**Public Hearings:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

### **1. Forson Subdivision – Renewal Request, Tatnic Road and Permit Transfer.**

Ms. Fraenkel gives a summary – The original wetlands permit was granted on January 8, 2008 and extended by the Commission on January 10, 2012. The additional request is to extend the permit for the statutory limit allowed (14 years) from the original permit date, which would extend this permit to January 2022. There is also a request to transfer the permit to the new owner Terrance Veazie.

Ms. Fraenkel handed out parcel photos of the adjacent and surrounding wetland systems for Commission Members to review. Joe Szarkowicz, abutting property owner discussed his concerns with regards to his pond and the proposed new driveway and crossing. Mr. Szarkowicz suggests moving the driveway over 20 to 25 feet. Mr. Woodis demonstrated the proposed driveway change on the site plan and reviewed with Commission Members. Mr. Woodis would like to know if there can be a field adjustment for the location of the driveway; a redline of the original plan in an effort to spare the client expense. Mr. Woodis informed Mr. Szarkowicz they are willing to put an extra rip rap check dam down near his property line in case the water channels down the driveway. Mr. Veazie would like to be a good neighbor and do whatever it takes including adding haybales to the silt fence to reinforce it and place additional rip rap.

Ms. Fraenkel suggests a minor modification to an approved plan, also request Syl Pauley, Regional Engineer review the plan.

Jim Paquin asked if an as-built should be requested for the crossing. Mr. Sorrentino suggests an 8 ½ x 11 modified design of the area be drafted and signed off by an engineer so there is a record of what was approved. Mr. Woodis agrees with this.

A motion was made by Jim Paquin to grant the extension of the permit. Demian Sorrentino seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to transfer application 121107A from George R. Forson and Joanne K. Forson to Terence M. Veazie and Lisa D. Veazie. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Arends recommends that the Staff Engineer review the plan. Demian Sorrentino recommends a CAD draft be completed. Mr. Woodis agrees. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to modify application 121107A transfer to Veazie from Forson to include relocation of the driveway and culvert provided that a new design plan is submitted for review specifying just the area that is to be modified and subject to review and approval of our consulting engineer. Jim Paquin seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

### **2. DR17-006 Request for a declaratory ruling for a use by right for a timber harvest; Geoffrey Westfall, owner; South of Robbins Road and East of Stetson Road; Donald Dubois, Forester.**

Don Dubois, Dubois Forestry and Land Management represents application DR 17-006, Geoffrey Westfall, owner. The property is located south of Robbins Road and East of Stetson Road, Map 2, Lot 9, approximately 73 acres with forest management on approximately 60 acres. This is an ongoing management plan approved by the USDA. The focus of this operation is to remove mostly dead and dying oak trees that resulted from repeated defoliation by the gypsy moth caterpillar. The amount of forest products to be harvested are 134,585 board feet and 300 cords of firewood. Mr. Dubois reviewed the management plan sketch showing landing areas, stream crossings, skid trails. The operation will take place this winter when the ground is frozen. The bridges and corduroy are temporary and will be removed at the completion of the operation. Upon completion of the operation raking and seeding with conservation grass seed mix will be done in the spring.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to approve DR17-006 as a use permitted by right as agriculture. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

### **Communications:**

#### **1. Budget Update.**

Commission Members reviewed the budget supplied in the packet.

#### **2. Notice CT Siting Council 11/2/17, regarding Quinebaug Solar.**

Ms. Fraenkel brought the Commission Members up to date on the Quinebaug Solar Project.

#### **3. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.**

1. Keith Hoyt, Hickory Lane. The project is still not completed.
2. David and Loni Decelles, South Street, declaratory ruling for landscaping. The project is complete and beautifully done.
3. Craig Brezniak, Tatnic Road, declaratory ruling. The rest of the property has been seeded and informed Ms. Fraenkel.
4. Tobi Long, Wauregan Road. Chairman Arends asked if there have been any further issues with the Long property and the neighbors. Ms. Fraenkel stated there have been no recent issues.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. Jim Paquin seconded this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

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Audrey Cross Lussier, Recording Secretary