

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2019**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 on the following:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: George Sipila with notice.

Staff Present: Margaret Washburn, Wetlands Agent, Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

Also Present: Paul Terwilliger, PC Survey.

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

Seating of Alternates: None.

Public Hearings: None.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019. The minutes are accepted as written with no changes.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. 070919A Stephen J. Powers, 66 Wolf Den Road, Map 25, Lot 10, VCD Zone; Repair of subsurface sewage disposal system; Installation of new septic tank and leaching units.

Paul Terwilliger, LS, represents application 070919A. Chairman Arends commented that this was looked at as an emergency situation as there was raw sewage coming to the surface. Chairman Arends asked WEO Margaret Washburn to do an agent approval.

Paul Terwilliger reviewed the plan with Commission Members. The house was built in the mid 1800's. There is an existing 500-gallon tank leaching into a dry well. Mr. Terwilliger demonstrates this on the site plan. A new 1,000-gallon septic tank with a double wide mantis is to be installed. They will be removing all of the septic material within the area of the current system 15 feet down slope. Chairman Arends asked if they know what is in there. Mr. Terwilliger commented they will find out when they dig. If it is not in the way of where the work needs to be done, it will be filled in and left in place, otherwise it will be broken up and taken off site. This will put them 25 feet from the wetlands with the new system. Mr. Paquin asked why the mantis structure is not in the center. Mr. Terwilliger stated it is down gradient. Mr. Terwilliger proposed straw bales backed with silt fence. The installer was wondering if the Commission would consider a berm of woodchips as opposed to the straw bales/silt fence. Ms. Washburn commented that an agent approval was issued today requiring double-staked straw bales and properly entrenched silt fence as shown on the plan which the installer agreed with. Mr. Sorrentino has no opposition for substituting woodchips. Chairman Arends asked Ms. Washburn if she has an issue with the woodchips. Ms. Washburn commented that the agent approval was issued today sent by certified mail which called for what was on the plan straw bales/silt fence. Chairman Arends commented he would be willing to consider a minor modification not requiring any change and that woodchips are acceptable. Chairman Arends polled the Commission, all members agree with woodchips. Ms. Washburn asked Mr. Terwilliger to have the installer call her for inspection of the erosion control measures.

Communications:

1. Budget Update: Reviewed.

2. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report:

66 Wolf Den Road – Stephen Powers – application discussion as above.

Weaver Subdivision – Day Street: Ms. Washburn received a complaint from John Gibson of 255 Day Street about material being dumped on the power lines behind the Weaver Subdivision on Day Street. Ms. Washburn met with Jeff Weaver who showed her where a couple of loads of stumps had been dumped. Mr. Weaver does not have a permit to do work back there. The stumps are obviously in an upland area. Ms. Washburn commented she believes they were in an upland review area of wetlands, however, did not perceive them having any impact to the wetlands. Mr. Oliverson asked if they are located on the power lines, there is an Eversource right of way there. Ms. Washburn commented they are not on the road, but about 15 feet off, the road is not blocked. Mr. Weaver has previously removed truckloads of mattresses and tires from this area. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sorrentino recommends in short of issuing a violation, advising Mr. Weaver to remove the stumps as he does not have permission to deposit anything in the upland review area and place

them in a non-regulated area. Members unanimously agreed. Ms. Washburn will advise Mr. Weaver of the Commission's recommendation.

3. Discussion of Security badges. Chairman Arends discussed having Town Employees who are working in the field to have identity badges for a safety measures. The badge should have a laminated photo ID of the employee with their name, position, contact number. Mr. Paquin recommends checking with the school and how they issue employee badges. All members agree with issuing badges.

4. Discussion of changing Tuesday, September 10th meeting date to Tuesday, September 24th. Discussion ensued. All members present agree with changing the date from Tuesday 9/10/19 to 9/24/19. The 9/24/19 meeting date would be a special meeting.

Public Commentary: Aaron Kerouac commented the road pavement above a culvert-pipe is broken causing erosion in the vicinity of 305 Tripp Hollow Road. This brings concerns for road conditions. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kerouac will visit the Land Use Office and review this issue with Ms. Washburn. She has agreed to inspect the site.

Mr. Sorrentino commented while on a visit to the nature walking trail behind the school it appears loads of broken concrete and bituminous curbing material has been dumped. Mr. Sorrentino questions who would be dumping this material there. Ms. Washburn will contact Highway Director Tom Rukstela to discuss.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Richard Oliverson seconded this motion. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary