

Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 14, 2022
Zoom and In-Person Meeting
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
69 South Main Street
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call: : Richard Oliverson, Demian Sorrentino, Adam Brindamour, Adam Tucker, Jason Burgess, James Paquin

Staff Present: Margaret Washburn, Jean Bolin

Seating of Alternates: None

Public Commentary: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes 5/10/2022: Accepted and approved as written.
2. Site Walk Minutes 5/13/2022: Demian Sorrentino made a motion to approve the minutes as written. James Paquin seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

Public Hearings:

1. None.

Old Business:

1. **041222B – Paradise Drive; Map 14 Lot 6 – John E. Sweat, Jr. Improvements to an existing gravel driveway, construction of a bridge spanning Tatnic Brook, construction of a new single-family dwelling.**

Demian Sorrentino recused himself and left the room.

John Faulise from Boundaries LLC was present to represent John Sweat Sr. Mr. Faulise presented the proposal to cross Tatnic Brook with a 29-ft span bridge. The currently adapted flood maps show the flood zone well outside the driveway and crossing. A narrow point in the brook was chosen; 2,770 sq ft of wetlands will be altered. Mr. Faulise from Boundaries LLC stated that he will provide more information before the zoning permit application is submitted.

Margaret Washburn asked Mr. Faulise if there is room for a house between the road and the brook. Mr. Faulise explained that that would force the house and septic into the regulated area.

Adam Brindamour asked what material would be used for the driveway beyond the bridge. Mr. Faulise explained that it would be gravel and 10 ft wide.

Mr. Faulise stated that a bridge design will be submitted after the wetlands permit is issued. The design will be reviewed by Syl Pauley (NECCOG Regional Engineer) after it is stamped by a structural engineer, to ensure it will support the cement trucks, fire trucks, etc. Mr. Faulise also stated that the bridge would have to be built before the house.

Jason Burgess asked Mr. Faulise if they did any borings where the abutments are proposed. Mr. Faulise replied that they have not; if they have to change it, they will come back to the Commission. Mr. Burgess stated that if structural engineer needs to do pilings, they will have to come back to the Commission.

Jason Burgess made a motion to approve this application with standard conditions and the following special controls:

- Pre-construction meeting.
- Provide an As-Built plan of the bridge.
- Subject to review of bridge design by staff engineer and town staff.
- Required to call 860-779-3411 ext. 12 for both pre-construction and 48-hour notice.

James Paquin seconded the motion. Approved 5-0. After the vote was complete Demian Sorrentino returned to the room.

2. 041222E – Map 36 Lot 31 - 14 Hugh Drive – Devon Gibson. Failed septic system, new system to be constructed.

Devon Gibson was present via Zoom. Mr. Gibson explained that the septic system had failed. A new tank and leach field will be installed with sediment controls. Mr. Gibson made a drawing showing silt fence. He stated that disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched till grass starts.

James Paquin made a motion to approve, Jason Burgess seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

3. 051022A – Map 30 Lot 97 Brooklyn Sand and Gravel –Wayne Jolly. Continuation and expansion of gravel excavation and processing operations.

David Held was present to represent Brooklyn Sand and Gravel. No new regulated activities are proposed. There is a renewal and an expansion application before Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Held explained the plan; there is no activity associated with the brook to the north or its upland review area. Mr. Held asked to continue to do stockpiling where it is currently being done.

Mr. Held explained that only 27,000 cubic yards are to be imported under previous Special Permit approval. Demian Sorrentino asked if anything had been permanently stabilized. Mr. Held stated that the vegetated berm between the gravel pit and the river is the only permanently vegetated area. Ms. Washburn added that as Zoning Enforcement Officer, she is pressing Brooklyn Sand and Gravel to restore disturbed areas.

James Paquin made a motion to approve with standard conditions, plus maintain berm, signage, and snow fencing. Adam Tucker seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

4. **14 Darby Road - Map 36 Lot 15 – Jason Johnson.** Approximately 160 cubic yards of fill had been deposited in the wetlands and upland review area. **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.**

Jason Johnson was present to represent this application.

Demian Sorrentino stated the Commission has not required a wetlands delineation since the site walk. The left side of the garage, facing the site from the road, appears to be wetlands to his trained eye.

James Paquin asked Mr. Johnson to confirm what is the plan going forward. Mr. Johnson stated that he wants to bring the dirt on the left side of the yard into the backyard. Richard Oliverson mentioned that Mr. Johnson may have too much fill in the backyard. Adding 4"-5" inches of loam would make more water go towards the house. It was suggested that the soil behind the house should slope away from the house for 10 ft.

Mr. Johnson stated he could use the fill on the right side of the house. The septic is in the front, directly in front of the house. Mr. Johnson offered to hydroseed, and he asked if he could remove the old chain link fence to make it easier to spread fill, the Commission agreed.

James Paquin made a motion to lift the Cease and Desist Order. Adam Brindamour seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

James Paquin made a motion to move this application to New Business, Adam Brindamour seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson was asked to sit down.

New Business:

1. **061422B – 170 South Street – Map 40 Lot 11 – Jeff Fontaine.** Construction of 6,000 sq ft storage/maintenance building with septic system, well, driveway, utility service, drainage, and site grounds.

Paul Terwilliger was present to represent to represent Jeff Fontaine. Mr. Terwilliger explained that Mr. Fontaine wants a 6,000 sq ft (60 ft x 100 ft) steel storage building to maintain driving range equipment, lawnmowers, ball-retrieving machines, and it will have a bathroom. Some regrading is needed; wetlands are to the east of the building; the septic is outside of the upland review area.

Demian Sorrentino asked Mr. Terwilliger if the ball-washing water would be discharged to septic system, confirming that wash water cannot be discharged to a septic system.

Demian Sorrentino made a motion to receive this application and table it for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Jason Burgess seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

2. **061422A - 14 Darby Road - Map 36 Lot 15** – Jason Johnson. Approximately 160 cubic yards of fill had been deposited in the wetlands and upland review area.

James Paquin made a motion to have the application approved as a duly authorized agent approval. Demian Sorrentino seconded the motion. Approved 6-0.

Communications:

1. **Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.**

2. **Letter from Normand Thibeault of KEA re: Louise Berry Drive revised plans.**

Normand Thibeault was not able to submit plans in time for this meeting. Demian Sorrentino made a motion to move this application to the next regular scheduled meeting

3. **253 Wolf Den Road (Map 17 Lot 32-3) and 255 Wolf Den Road (Map 17 Lot 32-5).** Paul Terwilliger – PC Survey Associates. Update on wetlands crossing previously constructed.

Paul Terwilliger represented the owner, Keith Pasay. Mr. Terwilliger explained an application will be made to move the driveway crossing to where it should have been constructed years ago. The wetlands crossing was not installed in the approved location; Mr. Pasay cannot access his land.

Mr. Terwilliger stated that the approved plan allowed for 1,500 sq ft of wetlands alteration. Approximately 900 sq ft of wetlands have been previously altered. The new application will propose altering about 650 sq ft of wetlands.

4. **FCR – Gravel Pit Restoration Update**

FCR has restored the gravel pit ahead of schedule; it is about 95% done.

5. **Budget Update.**

Adjourn: James Paquin made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Adam Tucker seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Oliverson, Chairman