

Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
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 and Jean Bolin

Seating of Alternates: None

Election of Officers: Demian Sorrentino made a motion for current officers to stay in place, with Richard Oliverson as Chairman and Adam Brindamour as Vice Chairman. James Paquin seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

Public Commentary: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes: Approved as written.

Public Hearings: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1. DR 23-001 Herrick Road – Map 25 Lot 36 – Gray Mare Farms.** Request for a Declaratory Ruling. This is a silvicultural treatment to improve forest health by removing trees with disease and die-back, considered a permitted use, as-of-right activity.

Don Dubois of Gray Mare Farms presented this application in person. Mr. Dubois stated that there would be three temporary stream crossings. The crossings would be removed once the project is completed.

James Paquin made a motion to approve this application for **DR 23-001 Herrick Road – Map 25 Lot 36 – Gray Mare Farms.** Request for a Declaratory Ruling. silvicultural treatment to improve forest health by removing trees with disease and die-back, considered a permitted use, as-of-right activity. Jason Burgess seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

2. 299 Wolf Den Road – Map 17 Lot 24 – Peter Joyce and Patricia Macanany, owners; Marc Provost, contractor. Show Cause Hearing for dredging a pond without a permit.

Peter Joyce, Patricia Macanany, owners, and Marc Provost, contractor, were in attendance.

Mr. Joyce read aloud a statement as to why he has done the work he did on the property. Mr. Joyce stated he hired Mr. Provost to remove a tree from the pond. Mr. Provost removed the tree and partially dredged the pond without a permit. He wanted to restore the pond back to its original state. Mr. Provost stated he felt that this was permitted as of right.

Mr. Oliverson asked Mr. Joyce if the property would be used for farming?

Mr. Joyce stated that it would not.

Mr. Oliverson clarified that since the property was not being used for farming, it was not a permitted right of use. It is not agriculture.

Mr. Sorrentino mentioned that Mr. Joyce needs to get an after-the-fact permit. Mr. Oliverson, and Mr. Paquin agreed.

Ms. Washburn mentioned that she had previously given Mr. Joyce a sample of the permit he would need to apply for, that he can use for reference to apply for the appropriate permit.

Ms. Washburn also told Mr. Joyce that when he submits the after-the-fact permit that he needs to include on a map where he will spread the spoils that will be dredged from the pond. Peter Joyce and Patricia Macanany agreed to apply for a wetlands permit.

Mr. Sorrentino stated that the permit will be good for five years.

Mr. Paquin made a motion to uphold Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Brindamour seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

3. IWWC 23-001 40 Tripp Hollow Road – Map 15 Lot 12-5 – John and Karen Filchak, owners; Brandon Longe, contractor. Detached garage in the upland review area. Duly Authorized Agent Approval with Chairman's approval.

Ms. Washburn stated she had performed a site visit and taken photos. She approved the application as a Duly Authorized Agent Approval. No action was needed.

4. DR 23-002 193 Herrick Road – Map 17 Lot 27 and Map 17 Lot 25-3 – Corey Bardsley. Request for a Declaratory Ruling. This is a select management cut to improve forest health by removing dead oak trees for firewood, and by removing old growth to stimulate new growth; this is considered a permitted use, as-of-right activity.

Josh King of 76 Stetson was present and spoke on behalf of this application.

Mr. Sorrentino suggested (not an official condition, just a suggestion) that Mr. King harvest near the vernal pools as soon as possible. Mr. King agreed.

James Paquin made a motion to approve **DR 23-002 193 Herrick Road** – Map 17 Lot 27 and Map 17 Lot 25-3 – Corey Bardsley. Request for a Declaratory Ruling. This is a select management cut to improve forest health by removing dead oak trees for firewood, and by removing old growth to stimulate new growth; this is considered a permitted use, as-of-right activity. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

Communications:

Budget Update. Mr. Paquin made a motion to endorse the proposed budget. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

Public Commentary: None

Adjourn:

Mr. Sorrentino made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Mr. Paquin seconded the motion. Approved 6/0.

Submitted By:

Jean Bolin
Recording Secretary