

# Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission

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## Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands commission held a regular meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street on the following:

**Members Present:** Real Gallant, Erik Costa, Jeff Arends, George Sipila, Robert Rossi, Melissa Labossiere.

**Absent:** Charlie Pappas with notice. Lester Philips without notice.

**Staff Present:** Chuck Dobrowski, Wetlands Agent, Syl Pauley, Regional Engineer NECCOG and Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

**Also Present:** Terry Chambers, KWP Associates, Beverly Thornton, Conservation Commission member.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Seating of Alternates:** Melissa Labossiere for Lester Philips.

### Election of Officers:

#### Chairman:

A motion was made by Robert Rossi to open the nominations for Chairman. Jeff Arends seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Robert Rossi to nominate Real Gallant for Chairman. Erik Costa seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

#### Vice Chairman:

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to open the nomination for Vice Chairman. Robert Rossi seconds this motion. No discussion held. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to nominate Erik Costa for Vice Chairman. Robert Rossi seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to close the nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Erik seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

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**Approval of Minutes:** 1. Regular Meeting Minutes December 13, 2011.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2011. Erik Costa seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously. George Sipila abstains.

**Public Commentary:** None.

**New Application Acceptance:** None.

**Reading of Legal Notice:** Chairman Gallant read the legal notice into the record.

**Public Hearings:**

1. **091311A Brooklyn Sand and Gravel, Wayne and Leslie Jolley, 574 Wauregan Road, Map 30, Lot 97, RA Zone, Gravel Removal (continued from November 8 and December 13, 2011).**

Terry Chambers, KWP Associates represents application 091311A. Mr. Chambers submitted revised plans to the Commission for their review. Mr. Chambers commented that Mr. Dobrowski and Mr. Pauley have had an opportunity to review the revised plans over the last week.

Due to the extensive presentation at last month's meeting, Mr. Chambers concentrated on the two new issues at hand – the 100 foot buffer from the water's edge as well as the status of the siltation ponds in terms of them being or not being wetlands.

Mr. Chambers demonstrates the revised 100 foot buffer from the water's edge on the site plan; previously proposed was a 50 foot buffer from the water's edge. Mr. Chambers addressed the status of the siltation ponds and their wetland status. Mr. Chambers asked Michael Schaefer, Soil Scientist to review this issue and assess the status of the siltation ponds to determine if they are wetlands or not wetlands. The second request to Mr. Schaefer was to make a recommendation whether a 100 foot riparian buffer would be necessary which Mr. Schaefer was in agreement with. A copy of Mr. Schaefer's letter dated December 21, 2011 is available for review by the public in the Planning Office. Mr. Chambers stated that prudent and feasible alternatives were accomplished by eliminating any disturbance to the wetland soils.

Mr. Chambers reviewed Mr. Schaefer's, Soil Scientist December 21, 2011 report with Commission members with emphasis on the siltation ponds. In summary, Mr. Schaefer's opinion is that the subject basins, necessary to the gravel processing operation, should not be considered as areas regulated as either wetlands or watercourses.

Mr. Chambers reviewed letter dated December 6, 2011 from the Town of Killingly-Linda Walden, Director of Planning and Development who recommended that a 100 foot minimum buffer is sufficient.

Syl Pauley, Engineer, NECCOG reviewed his letter dated January 4, 2012. In summary, Mr. Pauley feels that the plans satisfactory define the expansion of gravel excavation on the site. Also, Mr. Pauley feels Michael Schaefer, Soil Scientist has done a thorough evaluation of the project.

Robert Rossi asked Mr. Chambers where the water comes from in the manmade basins. Mr. Chambers discussed this with Mr. Rossi.

Erik Costa asked Mr. Chambers where the water comes from that is used to wash the stone. Mr. Chambers discussed this with Mr. Costa. Discussion held.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to close the public hearing on application 091311A. George Sipila seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **Meeting Business Proceeds:**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. 091311A Brooklyn Sand and Gravel, Wayne and Leslie Jolley, 574 Wauregan Road, Map 30, Lot 97, RA Zone, Gravel Removal (continued from November 8 and December 13, 2011).**

Chairman Gallant asked Mr. Sipila if he had reviewed last month's material with regards to application 091311A. Mr. Sipila stated yes he had.

A motion was made by Erik Costa to approve application 091311A. George Sipila seconds this motion. Discussion held.

Jeff Arends has concerns with regards to the manmade basins and feels they are technically a watercourse; however, it is a necessity of the operation. Mr. Arends feels that this falls into a grey zone. Chairman Gallant suggests further discussion on this issue.

Vote was taken: All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

#### **Other Business:**

- 1. Discussion of Extension of Application 121107A George and Joanne Forson, Tatnic Road.**

Terry Chambers, KWP Associates represents the Forson's application 121107A. In January of 2008 an approval was granted for a subdivision for the Forson's on Tatnic Road. By State Statute the permit expires in five years from the date of issuance which would be January of 2013. The five year extension will bring the permit to 2018. Nothing has changed on the plan since the original approval in 2008. The Forson's have not developed the lot and would like an extension of that permit. Discussion held with regards to the wetlands crossing, detention basin and the extensive drainage work done on Tatnic Road.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to approve the 5 year extension of application 121107A. Robert Rossi seconds this motion. Discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**2. Updates to the Inland Wetlands Regulations-Permitted Uses as of Right and Non-Regulated Uses.**

Commission members received the updates and were asked to review. Discussion will be held at next month's meeting February 8, 2012.

**3. Manmade Wash Basins.**

Commission members along with Wetlands Agent Chuck Dobrowski held a brief discussion with regards to this issue.

**4. Notification of Timber Harvest Appell Road.**

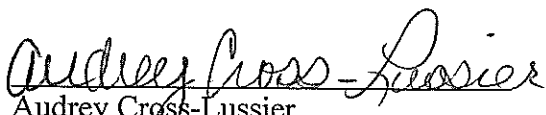
Mr. Dobrowski stated a request for timber harvest on approximately 86 acres of 92.58 acres on Appell Road has been received from Hull Forest Products, Michael J. Bartlett. The property owner is Michael Wolchesky. The property goes from Appell Road and adjoins the Sigfridson Property on Fitzgerald Road. There are two existing stone/ bridge culvert wetland crossings on the property. A temporary portable bridge will be brought in to be placed over one crossing to protect the stone culvert. Mr. Dobrowski indicated that the applicant submitted the Notification of Timber Harvest form; however, IWWC has a revised form that is currently being used. Mr. Dobrowski will have the applicant transfer the information onto the appropriate form.

Commission members are all in agreement to endorse the timber harvest on Appell Road subject to the completion of a correct/signed form and providing none of the information changes.

**5. Discussion of Preliminary Plan for Premier Chevrolet:**

Mr. Dobrowski updated the Commission on a preliminary plan for Premier Chevrolet that may be requesting an application/permit in the near future. There is a wetland area located behind the property which is within the upland review area. The applicant would like to formalize parking in this area, place dumpsters and place a berm to prevent any washout into the wetland. Mr. Rossi recuses himself from this discussion.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Jeff Arends to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Erik Costa seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

  
Audrey Cross-Lussier  
Recording Secretary