

# Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission

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## Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday June 12, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, 69 South Main Street on the following:

**Members Present:** Real Gallant, Lester Philips, Jeff Arends and Melissa Labossiere.

**Absent:** Erik Costa, George Sipila and Robert Rossi absent with notice. Charlie Pappas absent without notice.

**Staff Present:** Chuck Dobrowski, Inland Wetlands Agent, Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

**Also Present:** Norm Thibeault, Jeffrey Vento, Marc Tremblay, Michael Bunning.

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

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

**Seating Of Alternates:** Melissa Labossiere for Erik Costa.

### Approval of Minutes:

#### 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2012:

Approval of the May 8, 2012 – a motion was made by Jeff Arends to table to next month's meeting July 10, 2012. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**Public Commentary:** None.

**New Application Acceptance:** None.

**Reading of Legal Notice:** None.

**Public Hearings:** None.

**Meeting Business Proceeds**

## **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Modification of previously approved application 071211A Michael Bunning, Pomfret Road/Herrick Road, Map 26, Lot 3, RA Zone, 4-Lot Subdivision (3 new and 1 existing)-change in driveway.**

Norm Thibeault of Killingly Engineering Associates represents the applicant Mr. Bunning. The property is located on Pomfret Road/Herrick Road. The proposed is a driveway to access a single lot off of Route 169. The applicant previously applied for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 4-lots on an access strip which was denied. Subsequently a plan was submitted to the DOT showing two driveways; one shared driveway and a second 12 foot wide driveway which was denied by the DOT. Mr. Thibeault reviewed further options – an existing cart path which will be used demonstrated on the site plan. Mr. Thibeault read into the record an approval letter dated May 22, 2012 from the State of Connecticut DOT with regards to the subject – proposed 4-lot subdivision Pomfret Road (Route 169) Scenic Town of Brooklyn which grants approval. A copy of the letter is available in the office of the Wetlands Agent for review by the public. Mr. Thibeault also read into the record a letter dated June 12, 2012 from Ian T. Cole, Registered Soil Scientist/Professional Wetland Scientist with regards to the Wetland Review Michael J. Bunning Property, Herrick Road & Pomfret Road, Brooklyn, CT. In summary, it is Mr. Cole's professional opinion that the proposed activities will not have any negative or adverse effect on the wetlands or the functions and values they provide. A copy of Mr. Cole's letter is available in the office of the Wetlands Agent for review by the public.

Jeff Arends asks about the right of way on the McManus Property. Mr. Thibeault demonstrates on the site map where the right of way is located. Mr. Thibeault stated that Mr. McManus does utilize the right of way to gain access to his property and described the reconstruction that will be done to the right of way to traverse two way traffic; an alternate driveway will be available for Mr. McManus to utilize during the reconstruction.

Jeff Arends asked if any of the wetlands are used for the Town to use for fire support. Mr. Thibeault stated no they are not and discusses this with Mr. Arends.

A motion was made by Lester Philips to approve the modification of a previously approved application 071211A subject to the soil scientist erosion recommendations. Jeff Arends seconds this motion. Discussion held. Mr. Arends liked the first plan better and feels this modification has definitely more of an impact. Further discussion held. Vote was taken – All in favor 4-0. The motion passes unanimously.

## **Other Business:**

- 1. Discussion of regular drainage maintenance at 9 Prince Hill Road-Town of Brooklyn.**

The location is near the old Recreation Department Building. Chairman Gallant was asked whether or not it could be deemed as regular maintenance. Chairman Gallant recommends having Syl Pauley, P.E. NECCOG visit the site and devise a regular maintenance plan. Discussion held.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Syl Pauley, P.E. NECCOG will be asked to visit the site, do a review of the area and devise a regular maintenance plan and report back to the Commission.

## **2. Discussion of Inland Wetlands Training Program Segment 2.**

Chairman Gallant will discuss this at next month's meeting when more members are present.

A motion was made by Jeff Arends to add onto the agenda Wolf Den Estates/Peter Palo Logging. Lester Philips seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

## **3. Wolf Den Estates/Peter Palo-Map 18, Lot 22, RA Zone Timber harvest on 28+/- acres of property including some timber marked on 3+/- acres of wetlands.**

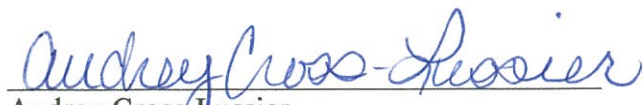
Marc Tremblay, Forester represents property owner Wolf Den Estates/Mr. Palo. The proposed is to do a selective timber harvest-thinning and logging. Mr. Tremblay has been working with the owner; marking the timber and will represent the owner with the sale of the timber. Mr. Tremblay will be working with the successful bidder and supervising the harvest. The access road from Wolf Den Road into the property has a causeway. Mr. Tremblay has met with Wetlands Agent Mr. Dobrowski, who recommended that he attend the Wetlands meeting along with filling out a Notification of Permitted Use as of Right and/or Non-Regulated Use Form. Mr. Tremblay discussed the selective thinning that would be near the wetlands area and the proposed wetlands crossing. Discussion held.

Chairman Gallant recommended that the Commission schedule a site walk of the property. All members were in agreement.

A site walk was scheduled for Tuesday June 19, 2012 at 8 a.m. Commission members are to meet at the site.

Jeff Arends suggests talking to the Chairperson of the Zoning Commission with regards to previous application 071211A (Bunning). Mr. Dobrowski stated it was the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission that denied the variance. Mr. Dobrowski discussed the ZBA denial with the Commission Members. Further discussion held.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Jeff Arends to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Lester Philips seconded this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Audrey Cross-Lussier  
Recording Secretary