

**Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2018**

The Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. on the following:

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

**Members Present:** Jeff Arends, Demian Sorrentino, George Sipila, Richard Oliverson.

**Members Absent:** Jim Paquin with notice.

**Staff Present:** Martha Fraenkel, Wetlands Agent, Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary, Rick Ives, First Selectman.

**Also Present:** David Held, Josh King, Aaron Kerouack.

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

**Seating of Alternates:** None.

**Public Hearings:** None.

**Public Commentary:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes January 9, 2018. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes from January 9, 2018, therefore the minutes stand as written.

**Old Business:**

**1. 010918A Balone Properties/M. Malone 242 Hartford road, application for a contractor yard in the upland review area.**

Mr. Malone was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to table application 010918A to next month's meeting. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**2. 010918B Town of Brooklyn, Ennis Road; Installation of storm drainage system between Allen Hill Road and Long Brook.**

David Held from Provost and Rovero submitted revised plans. First Selectman Rick Ives is present to address any questions or concerns with the project. Mr. Held discusses comments that were made at last month's meeting. Mr. Held reviews the revised plans which consist of the construction of all deep sump catch basin with a hooded outlet; modified catch basin with a 4-foot minimum sump and added detail for outlet hoods. The only other revision made to the plan is the last catch basin to be constructed over the replacement pipe where the watercourse flows under Ennis Road. The contractor's option would be either a precast structure or block construction. Due to the existing 30-inch RCP pipe, a precast oversized unit to accommodate a 48-inch pipe built out of block may be in the contractor's best interest.

Mr. Held stated that typically DOT gives the contractor the option of block construction or precast structures for standard pipe sizes.

Mr. Held discussed with Ms. Fraenkel the last catch basin being constructed without a sump because of the watercourse flowing through it, the sump serves no purpose, and creates a maintenance nuisance and opportunity for the basin to fall apart.

Richard Oliverson feels the quickest and cheapest way for the Town to get rid of the water is to go across the street and down into the yards with the natural slope.

Selectman Ives commented that approximately 10 years there was a deal to do exactly that. The catch basins were built. At the last minute the property owner became upset and refused to let the Town move forward with the project. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Ives commented that the DEEP MS4 general permit places more burden on the Town's stormwater management. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino to approve the application of the Town of Brooklyn for installation of a storm water drainage system along Ennis Road commencing west of Allen Hill Road and extending to Long Brook with standard conditions.

This approval is based on plans entitled "compilation plan & topographic survey proposed drainage improvements prepared for the Town of Brooklyn, Ennis Road, Brooklyn, CT", 2 sheets, prepared by Provost & Rovero, Inc, dated 10/23/17 and revised 2/13/18 to address IWWC comments. The approval is based upon a finding that there are no other reasonable alternatives.

George Sipila seconds this motion. Vote was taken: in favor Jeff Arends, George Sipila and Demian Sorrentino. Against: Richard Oliverson. The motion passes 3 to 1.

**New Business:**

**1. Request for ruling on timber harvest for as of right use; across from 116 Grant Hill Road (south side of road), property of Bernier/J. King, applicant.**

Josh King applicant, represents property owner Bernier. Ms. Fraenkel passes out three photographs for Commission Members and reviews the topography. There are three proposed wetland crossings using portable bridges. Mr. King would like to start the project relatively soon while the ground is still firm. There has been a lot of tree damage due to the caterpillars. Mr. King stated he will use portable bridges and corduroy if necessary. Mr. King has a winch on his truck and can cable and drag logs.

Ms. Fraenkel asked Mr. King whether stonewall will be removed at the first landing. Mr. King stated approximately another 5 feet may be removed. This will be stored to the side. Ms. Fraenkel recommends Mr. King speak with the highway foreman Thomas Rukstela with regards to the stone wall removal and replacement as this is a presumed boundary wall with the Town.

A motion was made by Demian Sorrentino that this application is recommended as a declaratory ruling for a use as of right under Section 4.1.a of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Richard Oliverson seconds this motion. Discussion held. Mr. Oliverson recommends that the stone wall go back as it came out. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

### **Communications:**

**1. Budget Update.** Commission Members reviewed budget hand out.

### **2. Wetlands Agent Monthly Report.**

- Ms. Fraenkel commented that a notice was received from FEMA that the USGS is working on the Shetucket Watershed flood zone mapping. Brooklyn is on the periphery. Ms. Fraenkel has been in contact with FEMA and DEEP. They will forward information to Ms. Fraenkel. Discussion ensued.
- Ms. Fraenkel commented that a request has come from the Recreation Director for contribution from Boards and Commissions to be part of the Brooklyn Newsletter. Ms. Fraenkel asked Commission Members if they wish to submit comments. Discussion ensued. Ms. Fraenkel will draft a submission and the Vice-Chair/Chair will review before submission.
- 22 Blackwell's Landing – Ms. Fraenkel was called by a Blackwell's Landing resident with regards to the last house being constructed. With the recent heavy rainfall there was debris running to the street due to the lack of silt fence/hay bales. Ms. Fraenkel contacted the contractor who within a few hours placed erosion control measures, hay bales and silt fence.
- Fred Green, Day Street, is preparing a sand and gravel application.

- Brooklyn Sand and Gravel as well as Rawson Sand and Gravel renewal applications are expected soon.
- Regis on Allen Hill Road. Closing the pit. One issue is the haul road is eroding. Discussion ensued.
- Ms. Fraenkel discussed with Commission Members the duration of sand and gravel permit renewals. Mr. Sorrentino suggests 2-3 years with compliance reports. Chairman Arends suggests a hybrid 3-year renewal with annual compliance reports. Mr. Sipila suggests taking pictures. Mr. Oliverson recommended an option to extend if no mining and not much change, however, rescinded his comment.

Chairman Arends made comment with regards to erosion of the bank by the river of the oxbow on Day Street. Discussion ensued. Ms. Fraenkel will visit the site.

Chairman Arends made comment with regards to a potential hazard on Pomfret Road (Route 169) near the newly constructed Sansoucy home. There is a swale/holding pond adjacent to the road that has topped over and there is water flowing across the road and becomes icy. Discussion ensued. Ms. Fraenkel will visit the site and contact Syl Pauley, Regional Engineer.

**Public Commentary:**

Aaron Kerouack commented on a Town of Brooklyn culvert next to his driveway which is taking on a lot of water due to the bad winter which has caused erosion with sink holes and pot holes. Mr. Kerouack commented that they are now collecting water from 2-3 driveways from sheet flow. Ms. Fraenkel will meet with Mr. Kerouack to review. Chairman Arends recommends having Tom Rukstela visit the site.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Richard Oliverson to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Demian Sorrentino seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross Lussier  
Recording Secretary