Town of Wilton Inland Wetlands Commission Town Hall Annex 238 Danbury Road Wilton, CT 06897

Decision by Citation Hearing Officer on Municipal Citation No.: 086

Property Owner:

Mieko Ikegame

Address:

16 Rivergate Road, Wilton, CT 06897

Violation:

Failure to comply with directives of Inland Wetlands Commission and submit corrective action application in violation of Sec. 6.3 of the inland wetlands and watercourses regulations if the Town of

Wilton.

FINDINGS:

- The Inland Wetlands Commission ("IWC") on or about Nov. 12, 2020, in response to a
 cease and desist order issued to Mieko Ikegame ("Property Owner"), owner of property
 located at 16 Rivergate Woods, Wilton, CT, cited the Property Owner for a violation of
 the Town of Wilton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations and directed the
 Property Owner to submit a corrective action application to the Inland Wetland
 Commission on or before Dec. 9, 2020.
- 2. Joe Doceti, of 38 Deerfield Road, Brewster, NY 10509, authorized representative of the Property Owner, appeared at the Nov. 12, 2020 meeting of the IWC and was made aware of the requirement to submit a corrective action application.
- 3. The owner and its representative did not submit a corrective action application by the Dec. 9, 2020 deadline established by the IWC.
- 4. Michael Conklin, director of environmental affairs for the town of Wilton, extended the deadline to January 28, 2021 for the owner or its representative to submit a corrective action application.
- 5. The owner and its representative did not submit a corrective action application by the January 28, 2021 deadline, and did not contact Mr. Conklin to further discuss this matter.
- 6. On Feb. 24, 2021, Mr. Conklin issued Municipal Citation No. 086 and mailed same to the Property Owner via US mail, and via email.
- 7. Mr. Docieti, as authorized representative of the Property Owner, requested a hearing on Municipal Citation No. 086 before the IWC hearing officer.
- 8. A hearing before the IWC hearing officer was scheduled via zoom on March 12, 2021 at 9 am and Mr. Doceti was advised by email of the date and time of the hearing.
- 9. At the hearing on March 12, 2021, Mr. Doceti acknowledged notice of the hearing on Municipal Citation No. 086 and represented that he was the duly authorized representative of the Property Owner. Mr. Doceti testified at the hearing on March 12, 2021 that he was present at the IWC's November 12, 2020 meeting and was aware that a corrective application was required to be filed, but was not aware of the Dec. 9, 2020

- deadline. Mr. Doceti testified that no corrective application was filed due to difficulty in obtaining a surveyor and the impact of a December 2020 snowstorm on such efforts. Mr. Doceti testified that he had not contacted Mr. Conklin to discuss the delay and that the corrective action application had "fallen through the cracks."
- 10. Based upon the IWC's directive at its Nov. 12, 2020 meeting; the extended deadline to file the corrective action application issued by Mr. Conklin; and the fact that no activity, interaction or correspondence from the Property Owner, Mr. Doceti or any other representative of the Property Owner regarding the violation and the Property Owner's failure to file the corrective action application had been received by Mr. Conklin as of the extended date to submit the corrective action application and the date of the hearing on Municipal Citation No. 086, the hearing officer UPHELD the municipal citation and ordered the payment of the \$500 find set forth in the municipal citation dated February 24, 2021 in accordance with Sec. 9-B9 et seq. of the ordinances of the Town of Wilton, CT.

Dated this the 15th day of March, 2021.

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Hearing Officer