



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING**  
**April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Nick Lee (Chair), Claudia Avallone, Rick Stow, Dora Pinou

**ALSO PRESENT:** Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Kara Murphy, Tierney, Zullo, Flaherty & Murphy P.C.; Mieko Ikegame, Property Owner; Jake Saltzman, Agent for Ikegame

**ABSENT:** Scott Fischer and Mike Whitted (notified of intended absences)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. WET#2654(S) BEHRENS – 220 Nod Hill Road** – “corrective action” to address the unpermitted clearing of trees within a regulated area

Ms. Murphy noted the Water Company is having difficulties with obtaining an expert to determine the extent of the clearing on the SNEW property.

With no further questions or discussion, the Public Hearing was continued.

**IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED - None**

**V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED**

**A. WET#2671(I) O’NEILL – 48 Sharp Hill Road** – “corrective action” to address unpermitted removal of trees

**B. WET#2689(I) ATTANASIO – 47 Mollbrook Drive** – “corrective action” to address unpermitted clearing of understory vegetation

**C. WET#2690(I) ISAACS – 69 McFadden Drive** – proposed addition and B100a within a regulated area

Mr. Stow MOVED to ACCEPT WET#’s 2671, 2689, & 2690, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone

and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

## **VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES**

- A. WET#2688(M) WYMAN – 5 Little Brook Road** - proposed 500-gallon propane tank 25 ft. from a pond and wetland

Mr. Herter provided a brief overview of the minor permit approved by staff since the last meeting.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. SMITH – 230 Ridgefield Road** – request for an extension of “Corrective Action” due date to May 12, 2021

Mr. Herter noted the owner is asking for an extension to flag the wetlands due to the size of the site. They are moving forward as quickly as possible with a complete application.

Mr. Stow MOVED to GRANT the extension for the due date to May 12, 2021, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

- B. WET#2101(S) ULEHLA – 17 Azalea Lane** – request for a one-year permit extension

Mr. Herter explained the owner is looking to complete the work this summer. The permit was effective for 9 years and the State Statute states the maximum is 10 years.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to GRANT the permit extension for one year, SECONDED by Dr. Pinou and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

## **VIII. VIOLATIONS**

- A. IKEGAME – 16 Rivergate Woods** – unpermitted pond dredging (Cease & Desist Upheld 11/12/2020 – see below request – original Application due date 12/9/2020 – extension granted for March 24, 2021 due date)

Mr. Herter noted the original Agent has walked away from the project and no fines have been paid to date.

Mr. Saltzman noted he took over from Mr. Doceti as the Agent. He noted the Land Survey has been completed and there will be a professional, Tracy Chalifoux on board shortly. Mr. Lee asked if the Application would be submitted by next meeting and when the fines will be paid.

Ms. Ikegame explained the timeframe of the violation and her International travel. She stated she was not aware of a deadline for the Application and was not receiving emails or mail recently. She requested an extension until July which was not acceptable to the Commission.

Mr. Stow MOVED for the new due date of May 12, 2021 for a complete Corrective Action Application to be submitted or a third citation of \$2,000 will be imposed, SECONDED by Ms.

Avallone and CARRIED 3-0-1 with Dr. Pinou abstained as she was not present for the initial meetings.

**B. GRIFFIN – 67 Borglum Road** – removal of ten trees, and wood chips deposited within a regulated area (Cease & Desist Upheld 1/28/2021 – Application due date March 10, 2021 – extension granted for April 7, 2021 due date)

Mr. Herter noted the homeowner informed him earlier in the week that the Application would be submitted on time by the Agent. Nothing has been received.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to IMPOSE a \$500 fine for missing the second deadline and require a complete Corrective Action Application be submitted by April 21, 2021, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 4-0-0.

**C. SMITH – 230 Ridgefield Road** – clearing trees, understory and excavation of soil (Cease & Desist Upheld 2/11/2021 – Application due date March 23, 2021 – extension granted for April 7, 2021 due date)

Extension granted to May 12, 2021 per Correspondence Section.

**D. BRINA – 455 Thayer Pond Road** – six trees removed in a regulated area (Cease & Desist Upheld 3/25/2021 – Application due date April 21, 2021)

**E. GEITZ – 8 Seeley Road** – eleven trees removed without a permit and yard waste & trailer placed in wetland area (Cease & Desist Upheld 3/25/2021 – Application due date April 21, 2021)

**F. KELSO – 64 Deforest Road** – nine trees removed without a permit in a regulated area (Cease & Desist issued April 5, 2021 – Show Cause Hearing scheduled for April 22, 2021)

## **IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes March 25, 2021**

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021 as drafted, SECONDED by Dr. Pinou and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Stow abstained as he was not present.

## **X. ADJOURN**

Mr. Stow MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:25 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Larkin  
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs