



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING**  
**May 27, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Rick Stow (Acting Chair), Claudia Avallone, Scott Fischer, Penelope Koechl, Theodora Pinou

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Bryan Phillips, Property Owner; Brian Wood, Wood, Water, Soil; Tim & Lindsey Geitz, Property Owners

**ABSENT:** Nick Lee (notified of intended absence)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**A. PHILLIPS – 326 Thayer Pond Road** – unpermitted clearing, filling and grading being conducted within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin provided background and timing on the violation. He advised the Contractor, Mike Lato, received an order to stop as well as a Municipal Citation of \$2,000 for failure to obtain a permit.

Mr. Phillips explained he was not aware of wetland regulations and received incorrect information from the previous owners and realtors they worked with. He stated he wanted to extend the lawn while removing dead trees.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to MODIFY the Cease & Desist Order for 326 Thayer Pond Road to allow for silt fence installation, removal of logs, and complete an Intermediate Corrective Action Application submitted by June 23, 2021 at 12:00 noon, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Mr. Conklin noted there are no written updates from SNEW.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to CONTINUE WET#2654, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to ADD WET#2696 Geitz to the Agenda, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

#### **IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED**

- A. WET#2687(I) HONEY HILL NORTH, LLC – 94 Honey Hill Road – “emergency”**  
septic repair within 80 ft. of a wetland

Mr. Conklin advised this was an emergency and the Applicant already received a temporary permit.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2687 Honey Hill North, LLC, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

- B. WET#2698(I) SCOTT – 367 Chestnut Hill Road – “corrective action”** to address 1,900 sq. ft. cleared and logs, branches, and yard waste in a regulated area

Mr. Wood noted the plans have been updated. Mr. Fischer was concerned about the low number of proposed mitigation plantings. Mr. Conklin stated the sizes of shrubs should be 3 – 4 ft. in height.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2698, with normal specials and additional specials that a minimum of 10 multi-stem shrubs at 3 – 4 ft. in height be added to the plan, the installation of shrubs and removal of landscape debris will be completed by June 30, 2021, organic land care practices must be shared with future landowners, bonding for two whole growing seasons, and move woody debris pile farther from septic into the woods, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

- C. WET#2696(I) GEITZ – 8 Seeley Road – “corrective action”** to address eleven trees removed without a permit in a regulated area

Mr. Conklin reminded the Commission there were some revisions requested to the planting plan. Mr. Geitz confirmed they are no longer requesting to bring fill to the well area, and have added Button Bush and other recommended wetland plantings instead.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2696, with normal specials and additional specials to include trees to be 3 – 4 ft. in height to be installed no later than September 15, 2021, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

#### **V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED**

- A. WET#2712(I) TAI – 197 Catalpa Road – “corrective action”** to address unauthorized removal of 11 trees within a regulated area

Dr. Pinou MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2712, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

## **VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES**

- A. WET#2703(M) WHITEFORD – 112 Cheese Spring Road** – remove existing deck and install thermal bluestone patio in stone dust and relocate propane tank approximately 45 ft. from a watercourse
- B. WET#2704(M) KELSO – 64 Deforest Road** – “corrective action” to address removal of nine trees within a regulated area
- C. WET#2705(M) MORRON – 846 Ridgefield Road** – proposed propane tank for generator 20 ft. from a wetland
- D. WET#2707(M) RUDOLPH – 61 Bald Hill Road** - proposed wood chips to the west side of the driveway and toe of slope to prevent erosion of the driveway
- E. WET#2709(M) WALSH – 39 Pipers Hill Road** – “after-the-fact” for two sheds 80 ft. from wetlands

Mr. Conklin provided a brief review of the Minor Applications approved by Staff.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion Pertaining to Emergency Septic Repair Permitting** – Mr. Conklin noted he is working to produce a draft process which will be reviewed by this Commission.
- B. Inland Wetland Permit Conformance Sheet for Website** – Mr. Conklin noted the information is forwarded with permits as frequently asked questions. He asked Commissioners to review for the next meeting.
- C. 2020 Town to Town Fee Comparison and Bonding Sheet** – Mr. Conklin noted this topic should wait for a formal review when Chairman Lee is present.

## **VIII. VIOLATIONS - None**

## **IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021**

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2021, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Dr. Pinou abstained as she was not present.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

## **XI. ADJOURN**

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:19pm, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Larkin  
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs