



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING**  
**November 12, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Craig (Chair), Nick Lee, Rick Stow, Claudia Avallone, Scott Fischer, Mike Whitted, Kathie Mandel

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Joseph Doceti, Hat City Construction; Peter Romano, LandTech; Bill Flick, ASP; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Mr. Conklin reviewed the process for the ZOOM Meeting.

**II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**A. IKEGAME – 16 Rivergate Woods – unpermitted dredging of a pond**

Mr. Herter explained the violation and subsequent Cease & Desist that was placed on the property. He noted the area was most likely one large wetland historically, which was broken up into three wetland areas with a man-made pond in the center.

Mr. Doceti responded that he was not dredging a wetland. He stated he was removing leaves that were blocking the outlet of a man-made pond, and he did not realize this would require a permit. He testified that he was attempting to take 40 yds of leaves out by hand to maintain the pond. Mr. Herter responded that he witnessed three large piles of soil along edge of the bank of the pond which was moved with an excavator that was on-site during his visit.

Ms. Mandel MOVED to UPHOLD the CEASE & DESIST for Ikegame at 16 Rivergate Woods, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 7-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Ms. Mandel in favor.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. WET#2280(S) MONTANARO – Wampum Hill Road (Assessor's Map#9, Lot#6) – request to run overhead electric lines in lieu of underground lines**

Mr. Romano explained that Mr. Montanaro would like to modify the wetland permit for electric lines to be installed along the driveway above ground, instead of underground. The length of the driveway is over 2,000 linear feet. He noted that Weston approved the amendment to their wetland permit for the portion that falls under their jurisdiction.

The Commissioners discussed the previous application and the work that was done by that Commission. With no ecological reason to make this change, and letters against this change from the surrounding Land Trusts, the Commission did not wish to amend the original decision.

Mr. Lee MOVED to DENY Mr. Montanaro's request to change from underground power lines to above ground power lines at Wampum Hill Road (Assessor's Map#9, Lot#6), SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 6-0-1 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor and Ms. Mandel in favor with Ms. Avallone not responding due to poor internet connection.

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

Mr. Conklin noted the Property Owners requested a Continuance of the Public Hearing in order to allow time for them to respond to recent feedback from SNEW and the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Mandel MOVED to CONTINUE WET#2654, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 6-0-1 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor and Mr. Fischer in favor with Ms. Avallone not responding due to poor internet connection.

**C. WET#2659(S) ASML – 77 Danbury Road – proposed excavation of petroleum impacted soil and sawdust within a regulated area**

Mr. Flick explained this application is to finish a project that expired before completion. He confirmed a limited amount of material will be excavated and backfilled starting at the Norwalk River working backwards.

Ms. Throckmorton displayed her updated environmental proposal with additional trees added. She noted the completed portions of this project have worked very well.

Mr. Conklin reviewed the Special conditions from the original approval. Mr. Flick noted the work would be completed within the next six months.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing for WET#2659, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 7-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor and Mr. Fischer in favor.

Mr. Stow MOVED to APPROVE WET#2659, with the same conditions from WET#2307,

SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 7-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor and Mr. Fischer in favor.

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

**IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED**

**A. WET#2660(I) FUSCO – 90 Kent Road** – proposed pool in an upland review area

**B. WET#2663(S) DAVIS-CHEN – 105 Nod Hill Road** – proposed new single-family residence with associated site improvements

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2660, WET#2663, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 7-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, and Mr. Whitted in favor.

**VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES**

**A. WET#2658(M) VALASSIS – 283 Cheese Spring Road** – proposed generator including trenching

**B. WET#2661(M) LIFRIERI – 68 Cheese Spring Road** – proposed repair of existing steps and landing and widen existing walkway within a regulated area

**C. WET#2662(S) MASON – 17 Tall Oaks Road** – “after-the-fact” generator and two LP tanks within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin provided a brief description of the above Minor Permits that were issued by Staff.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None**

**IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Meeting Minutes October 22, 2020**

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2020 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 7-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, and Mr. Whitted in favor.

Mr. Lee thanked Ms. Craig for her service to the Inland Wetlands Commission for the past 10 years. The Commission is presenting her with a gift that will be hand delivered.

**X. ADJOURN**

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:02pm, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 7-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow

in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor and Mr. Whitted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Larkin  
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs