



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**HYBRID MEETING**  
**April 14, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Rick Stow (Chair), Miriam Sayegh (Vice Chair), Jeremi Bigosinski, Nick Lee, Penelope Koechl, Theodora Pinou

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Craig Johnson, Former President Wilton Riding Club; Patrick Burke, President Wilton Riding Club; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Anthony Ward, Property Owner; Tim Armenta, Property Owner; Nicholas Robins, Property Owner; James McManus, JMM Wetland Consulting Services; Deanne Kulke, Property Owner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stow called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**A. WILTON RIDING CLUB – 60 Riding Club Road – unauthorized clearing in a wetland**

Mr. Conklin explained that the office was contacted about clearing taking place without a permit. He confirmed the cleared areas were overgrown with invasive vines and that the Regulations allow for as-of-right farming activities.

Mr. Johnson explained the removal of invasive vines is for horse grazing and confirmed there was no earth moving or grading taking place. He added that this area is maintained annually as farmland.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the clearing with as-of-right farm activities requiring only a submission of a site plan to the Office of the Commission to accompany the letter request, and LIFT the Cease & Desist Order, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. WET#2781(S) DAVIDSON/MUELLER – 425 Ridgefield Road – proposed construction of a single-family dwelling**

Mr. Conklin noted the Applicant requested to continue the Public Hearing for the next meeting being held on April 28, 2022.

**B. WET#2785(S) WARD – 23 Hidden Lake Ridge** – proposed addition, pool, patio and B100a in an upland review area

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed the plans and noted the pool is small in size and on an existing lawn area. Mitigation includes disconnect of roof drains to the current system so rainwater infiltrates into the lawn prior to edge of the pond.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE WET#2785 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 5-0-1 with Dr. Pinou abstained.

**IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED**

**A. WET#2782(I) ARMENTA – 10 Scribner Hill Road** – proposed building addition

Mr. Armenta noted the addition is over a current patio and only 68 cubic yards of material will be excavated. Mr. Bigosinski requested that silt fence is installed to protect the pond during construction. Mr. Stow suggested adding a stockpile area.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2782 with normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that the plan be revised to include erosion control measures and a stockpile area for approval by staff, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**B. WET#2784(I) ROBINS – 24 McFadden Drive** – proposed addition on post foundation and replace septic tank

Mr. McManus explained the proposed addition. Mr. Robins noted the addition is small in size and a new septic tank will be installed.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2784 with normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that the plan be revised to include erosion control measures for approval by staff, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**C. WET#2780(I) NEWHOUSE/CAMPBELL – 247 Cannon Road** – “emergency” septic replacement

Mr. Conklin noted this owner already received a temporary permit and the work is completed.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE WET#2780, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED**

**A. WET#2787(I) KRESS – 142 Hurlbutt Street** – proposed in-ground pool and spa, and removal of four dead trees

**B. WET#2788(I) GRIPPANDO – 35 Cavalry Hill Road** – proposed addition with crawl space and patio for an in-home office

**C. WET#2789(I) TOWN OF WILTON – Schenck’s Island (Assessor’s Map#72 Lot#14)** – proposed parking and electrical improvements

**D. WET#2791(I) PAREKH – 453-455 Newtown Turnpike** – proposed pool installation

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2787, WET#2788, WET#2789, and WET#2791, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

**V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES**

**A. WET#2783(M) CATES – 248 Cannon Road** – proposed removal of five dead trees

Mr. Conklin provided a brief description of the minor Application approved by Staff.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Meeting Minutes March 24, 2022**

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2022 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-1 with Ms. Koechl abstained as she was not present.

**IX. VIOLATIONS**

**A. KULKE – 860 Ridgefield Road** – unauthorized clearing and earthwork (Cease & Desist Upheld 1/13/22 – Corrective Action Application due 2/28/22 – Extension Granted 3/10/22 – New Due Date April 12, 2022)

Mr. Conklin noted the Owner submitted a letter to request a second extension. Ms. Kulke confirmed Tracy Chalifoux, Steven Danzer, Tom Quinn, and Roland Gardner are working on the documentation for the Application.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to extend the deadline for the due date to May 10, 2022, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**XI. ADJOURN**

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:06 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Larkin  
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs