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**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING/ MEETING
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 2021
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: **Electronic Meeting**

Special Notice About Procedures For This Electronic Meeting:

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, there is no physical location for this meeting, as it will be held electronically. To view a live stream of this meeting, go to the Town of Wilton website and follow the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89788048773>.

Public comments for Public Hearing agenda items will only be read aloud at the meeting if they (i) are sent to zen.herter@wiltonct.org, (ii) state your full name and address, (iii) identify the Public Hearing agenda item to which your comment relates, and (iv) are received during the Public Hearing and before the public comment session on that agenda item ends. Comments on Public Hearing items that do not meet these requirements will be placed in the public file but will not be read aloud during the meeting. Comments not pertaining to Public Hearing items will not be read aloud during the meeting. If you would like to give your Public Hearing comments by participating in real time in the meeting, please send an email by noon on March 10, 2021, to zen.herter@wiltonct.org, stating your name and address and the Public Hearing agenda item to which your comments will relate, and meeting participation details will be emailed to you to enable you to participate in real time in the Public Hearing. Meeting materials are available at www.wiltonct.org on the Inland Wetlands Commission web page under "Current and Upcoming Public Hearings."

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED - None

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED -None

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2681(M) DOOLITTLE/JONES – 8 Glen Hill Lane – proposed generator and three propane tanks including 35 ft. of hand-dug trenching

B. WET#2682(M) GIBBONEY – 183 Range Road – proposed shed 70 ft. from wetlands

VI. 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)

B. O’NEILL – 48 Sharp Hill Road – removal of 8 trees, wood piles, and a trench without a permit (Cease & Desist Upheld 12/10/2020 – see below request – original Application due date 1/13/2021)

C. 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)

D. ATTANASIO – 47 Mollbrook Drive – removal of understory vegetation (Cease & Desist Upheld 1/28/2021 – Application due date March 10, 2021)

E. SMITH – 230 Ridgefield Road – clearing trees, understory and excavation of soil (Cease & Desist Upheld 2/11/2021 – Application due date March 23, 2021)

F. BRINA – 455 Thayer Pond Road – six trees removed within a regulated area (Show Cause Hearing Scheduled for March 25, 2021 – see below request)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. O’NEILL – 48 Sharp Hill Road #2 – request to extend deadline for Corrective Action Permit Application

B. IKEGAME – 16 Rivergate Woods – request to extend deadline for Corrective Action Permit Application

C. BRINA – 455 Thayer Pond Road – request to dig test holes outside regulated area under a Cease & Desist Order

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes February 25, 2021

IX. ADJOURN

How the Public Hearing Process Works

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, applications that require a public hearing are administered in three distinct phases. It is important to recognize that public comment, either written or oral communication, cannot be received by the Commission once a public hearing is closed.

1. *Application Receipt Phase:* An application to the Commission is considered “received” at the first regularly-scheduled meeting of the Commission following submittal of the application to the town offices or thirty-five days; whichever date occurs first. The public hearing must open within sixty-five (65) days following the application receipt date.
2. *Public Hearing Phase:* Once opened, a public hearing must be heard and close within thirty-five (35) days. This stage is when the applicant presents the application to the Commission and interested party are allowed to comment on application. Again, public comment cannot be received once the hearing is closed.
3. *Deliberations Phase:* Once a public hearing closes, the Commission is provided sixty-five (65) days to deliberate the merits of an application and render a decision. Though public comment is not taken at this point, these meetings are open to public.

Time Extensions: Note, the Connecticut General Statutes provides up to sixty-five (65) days of additional extension time which can be applied to any of the three referenced phases. This is to encourage a complete and thorough review of applications before the Commission and to allow for full public participation. **The Governor’s Executive Order 7I gives the applicants or the Commission an additional 90 (ninety) days for deadlines on applications.**

Continuances: Public hearing matters are subject to requests for continuation or withdrawal at any time prior to a scheduled hearing. Inquiries regarding late changes may be made to the Inland Wetlands Department during business hours at (203) 563-0180.