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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING/ MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 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 mike.conklin@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 April 21, 2021, to mike.conklin@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. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS
 - A. KELSO 64 Deforest Road unpermitted removal of nine trees within a regulated area

- **B.** SCOTT 367 Chestnut Hill Road 1,900 sq. ft. cleared and logs, branches, and yard waste deposited in a regulated area
- **C. TAI 197 Catalpa Road** 12 mature trees cleared from a regulated area and woody debris deposited in a wetland

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. WET#2654(S) BEHRENS 220 Nod Hill Rod "corrective action" to address unpermitted clearing of trees within a regulated area (cont.)
- **B.** WET#2686(S) GALLO 47 Shadow Lane proposed regrading of rear yard for recreation area

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

- **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

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

- **A.** WET#2696(I) GEITZ 8 Seeley Road "corrective action" to address eleven trees removed without a permit in a regulated area
- **B.** WET#2697(I) GRIFFIN 67 Borglum Road "corrective action" to address unpermitted tree removal and wood pile and wood chips deposited within 100 ft. of a wetland

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Pertaining to Emergency Septic Repair Permitting

IX. 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 May 12, 2021 due date)

- **B.** 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 May 12, 2021 due date)
- X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021
- XI. ADJOURN

How the Public Hearing Process Works

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statues, 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 Statues 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.