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

DATE: Thursday, April 8, 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 April 7, 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

- 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. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2688(M) WYMAN – 5 Little Brook Road** - proposed 500-gallon propane tank 25 ft. from a pond and wetland

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. SMITH – 230 Ridgefield Road** – request for an extension of “Corrective Action” due date to May 12, 2021
- B. WET#2101(S) ULEHLA – 17 Azalea Lane** – request for a one-year permit extension

VII. 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 March 24, 2021 due date)
- B. 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 – extension granted for April 7, 2021 due date)
- C. 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 April 7, 2021 due date) *under request for additional extension above
- D. BRINA – 455 Thayer Pond Road** – six trees removed in a regulated area (Cease & Desist Upheld 3/25/2021 – Application due date April 21, 2021)
- E. GEITZ – 8 Seeley Road** – eleven trees removed without a permit and yard waste & trailer placed in wetland area (Cease & Desist Upheld 3/25/2021 – Application due date April 21,

2021)

- F. KELSO – 64 Deforest Road** – nine trees removed without a permit in a regulated area
(Cease & Desist issued April 5, 2021 – Show Cause Hearing scheduled for April 22, 2021)

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes March 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.