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INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSON

7:00 P.M.

November 2, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Alan McLevy, Mike Wilson, Bill Syme

Members Excused: None

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent Isabelle Kisluk, Paul Archer P. L. S.

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order: A. McLevy called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.
2. Roll Call- Seat Alternates: None
3. Additions/Changes in order of Agenda

I. Kisluk requested to add 2 items to the agenda under New Business:

6.2 Application of Darby Pollansky, Pollansky Construction LLC, for a timber harvest on Pinch Street, Assessor's Map 17, Block 1, Lot 9 in the RA zone.

6.3 Notification of timber harvest at 39 Station Road, Assessor's Map 29, Block 24, Lot 2 in the RA zone.

A. McLevy **MOVED** to add the items to the agenda as listed. M. Wilson

SECONDED. Motion carried 3:0:0.

4. Audience of Citizens: None

5. Old Business

5.1 Application of Thomas Russell for a single-family dwelling with driveway and septic system in the Upland Review Area at the corner of Kemp Road and Pinch Street, Assessor's Map 5, Block 9, Lot 2 in the RA zone.

Paul Archer, P.L.S, introduced the application to the Commission on behalf of the applicant. He provided finalized plans, signed by soil scientist Joe Theroux, and a letter from the health department approving the location of the proposed septic system. P. Archer explained that the proposed driveway has been graded to shed water, minimizing erosion. He showed the Commission the bump outs on the driveway for passable lanes. P. Archer stated that the Russells are trying to preserve the fields on their property rather than bisecting them with the driveway, and that was a deciding factor in their proposed location.

A. McLevy asked if I. Kisluk confirmed that J. Theroux had stopped flagging on the South side of the property because the wetlands did not extend further toward the area of development. I. Kisluk stated she had confirmed that he stopped flagging because the wetlands extended away from the development and off the property in that location.

A. McLevy asked if the driveway would be gravel? P. Archer confirmed that to be true. A. McLevy mentioned that a lot of silt fence would be installed for sediment and erosion control. P. Archer stated that he has seen woodchips used on sites for erosion control very effectively. A. McLevy agreed that it would be reasonable for the contractor to possibly use

woodchip barriers in a silt sock in place of silt fence, as needed based on field conditions. I. Kisluk stated she would keep that in mind when the project begins and that sediment and erosion control measures may be adjusted based on field conditions with permission from her as the Wetlands Agent.

I. Kisluk read the summary ruling and proposed conditions into the record.

A. McLevy **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the application of Thomas Russell for a single-family dwelling with driveway and septic system in the Upland Review Area at the corner of Kemp Road and Pinch Street, Assessor's Map 5, Block 9, Lot 2 in the RA zone, with conditions as read in the summary ruling. M. Wilson **SECONDED**. Motion carried 3:0:0

6. New Business

6.1 Revision of the IWWC Bylaws

I. Kisluk stated that she had started reviewing the Bylaws to correlate the most recent .pdf copy with the word document available but had not finished yet. She stated that the Bylaws would be ready to discuss by the next meeting.

6.2 Application of Darby Pollansky, Pollansky Construction LLC, for a timber harvest on Pinch Street, Assessor's Map 17, Block 1, Lot 9 in the RA zone.

I. Kisluk introduced the application to the Commission and showed members the parcel via the NECOG GIS. A. McLevy stated he had seen a logging skidder on the property recently. I. Kisluk stated that she had discussed the project with the applicant, their soil scientist, and their

logger, but that no logging plan had been submitted yet. She stated that the wetlands on the site had been flagged. The Commission discussed the site and determined that a logging plan would be necessary to properly determine jurisdiction for this project.

B. Syme **MOVED** to **REQUEST** a logging plan for the application before issuing a jurisdictional ruling. M. Wilson **SECONDED**. Motion carried 3:0:0.

6.3 Notification of timber harvest at 39 Station Road, Assessor's Map 29, Block 24, Lot 2 in the RA zone.

I. Kisluk introduced the notice of timber harvest to the Commission and stated that the project is a silviculture operation. She stated that the project is anticipated to begin in February 2023 and finish by April 15, 2023.

I. Kisluk stated that in discussing the project with the Forester she was informed that the temporary stream crossing noted on the plan would involve a temporary bridge at the site as needed, not a corduroy.

A. McLevy asked if I. Kisluk had gone to the site to confirm that the temporary stream crossing is an intermittent stream and not a more significant concern. I. Kisluk stated that she had not been to the site and had only briefly discussed the project with the Forester as the notification had come in very recently.

A. McLevy **MOVED** to **REQUEST** a town application with a written description of the temporary stream crossing before issuing a jurisdictional ruling. M. Wilson **SECONDED**. Motion carried 3:0:0.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

7.1 Regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2022

M. Wilson **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2022. A. McLevy **SECONDED**. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

7.2 Special meeting minutes of October 20, 2022

A. McLevy **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the special meeting minutes of October 20, 2022. M. Wilson **SECONDED**. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

8. Commission Open Discussion: None

9. Administrative Reports:

I. Kisluk state that there is a possible beaver dam in Kimball Pond and the town is concerned for the safety of Brook Road if the dam is left in place. She stated that the dam is on private property and the Town is currently trying to find a solution to remove the dam and protect the road. I. Kisluk stated there is no formal plan currently and so there is no application, but it falls under IWWC jurisdiction. The Commission agreed that this would be reasonable work for the Town to do as a safety measure before the Commission could meet again. I. Kisluk stated that she would provide the Commission with an update on the situation at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

A. McLevy **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. M. Wilson

SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0