INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2019  

A regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency (IWA) for the Town of Woodbridge was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Central Meeting Room of the Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, Connecticut.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Robert Blythe - Chairman, Jack Kurek, David Speranzini, Josh Goldberg and Barry Josephs
EXCUSED: Josh Lemon (alternate) and Jean Webber (alternate)
ALSO PRESENT: Kristine Sullivan, Land Use Analyst

Chairman Blythe called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative, Inc.: 100 Center Road

Application to remove existing paved skating rink for creation of a dog park

The application submitted by the Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative, Inc. to remove the existing paved skating rink located on the Town owned property at 100 Center Road for the creation of a dog park on which would include that portion of the Town owned property, was formally received. The application was accompanied by a plan showing the location of the proposed dog park, a narrative describing two alternatives for the removal of the paved skating rink, a certificate of mailing to the abutting property owners, and a request for the waiver of the application fees.

The property is on a public water supply watershed. No comments were received from the South Central Regional Water Authority relative to the application.

Bonnie Blake, President of the Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative Inc. and Brenden Fimian, project coordinator were both present to discuss the application with the Agency. In discussion with the Agency they noted:

- The application was for removal of the existing paved skating rink on the Town owned property at 100 Center Road for the creation of a dog park which would include the area now occupied by the skating rink.
- There are two ways that the skating rink removal could be accomplished
  - Remove all the asphalt materials completely from the site
  - “Reclaim” the two inches of asphalt materials in place by pulverizing the asphalt and blending the asphalt with six to eight inches of the underlying base material, adding four inches of backfill material and then two inches of top soil. The curbing would not be reclaimed but would be removed from the site
- No site work would encroach any further towards the wetlands in immediate proximity to the existing paved skating rink.
- The dog park would consist of separate fenced areas for large and small dogs.

In discussion by Agency members it was noted that:

- Since no activity was proposed directly in a wetlands, action on the application could be deferred to the Agency’s duly authorized agent.
- There would be less disturbance and potential for any impacts to the nearby wetlands if reclamation of the asphalt skating rink rather than removal of the skating rink was done.
- Reclamation of the skating rink should provide better drainage in that area.
At the conclusion of their discussion, Agency members then took the following actions relative to the application:

** Mr. Speranzini moved to waive the application fees
** Mr. Kurek seconded.
** Voting for:  Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg.
** Opposed:  No one
Unanimous Approval 5-0

** Mr. Kurek moved to defer action on the application to the Agency’s duly authorized agent, subject to the method of removal of the existing asphalt skating rink being in place reclamation of the paved skating rink, with all curbing to be removed offsite.
** Mr. Goldberg seconded.
** Voting for:  Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg.
** Opposed:  No one
Unanimous Approval 5-0

Geraldine Giering: 15 Meadowcrest Circle
Application for residential site development of lot
The application submitted by Geraldine Giering for the residential site development of her property located at 15 Meadowcrest Circle was formally received. The application was accompanied by site development plans, a letter of consent allowing John Paul Garcia P.E. to act as Mrs. Giering’s agent, a certificate of mailing to the abutting property owners, and checks for the state and town application fees.

The property is not on a public water supply watershed.

It was noted that the creation of the lot antedated the establishment of the Inland Wetlands Agency and in accordance with Connecticut State Statute was only entitled to be built on as of right until 1987.

After reviewing the submitted plans it was the consensus of the Agency members that:

- The applicant would be asked to provide an updated report from a soil scientist. *(Note: The plans reference a soils report done in 2017).*
- Once an updated soils report was submitted that the Agency engage its own soil scientist to inspect the site.
- For the next meeting that staff provide plans for the adjoining properties that have been received permits from the Agency for purposes of reviewing drainage patterns and wetland flagging.
- That the plans will be referred to the Agency’s engineering consultants, Criscuolo Engineering for review and comment.

Further action on the application was then deferred until the Agency’s regular meeting on November 20, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Joseph Solodow: 11 Clark Road
Application to dredge onsite pond
The application to dredge the onsite pond on property owned by Joseph Solodow located at 11 Clark Road had been formally received at the Agency’s meeting on September 18, 2019. Some of the Agency members had inspected the site on an
individual basis since the September 18, 2019 Agency meeting. Those Agency members noted that the pond clearly needed to be dredged.

Mr. Solodow was present to discuss the application. In discussion and response to questions from Agency members he noted:

- The intention was to dredge the pond within the current pond parameters.
- Dredged materials were proposed to be deposited on the far side of the pond which slopes away from the stream that flows through the pond.
- The pond would be dredged using a machine with a very long arm which would enable dredged materials to be deposited on the far side of the pond.

Following discussion of the application, Agency members acted on the application as follows:

** Mr. Josephs moved to approve the application of Joseph Solodow to dredge the pond on his property located at 11 Clark Road based on the submitted narrative on how the pond would be dredged submitted with the application and the following special conditions:
The agency enforcement officer or land use analyst determining:
- An appropriate area to deposit the dredging spoils
- Need and placement of any erosion and sediment controls
- Timing of the activity

** Mr. Speranzini seconded.

** Voting for: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg.

** Opposed: No one

Unanimous Approval 5-0

RECEIPT AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE IWA SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE AGENCY WHICH IS NOT RELATED TO LISTED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Illya Mowerman – 145 Ansonia Road
Request for release of the remaining $5,500.00 bond posted for the residential site development of the subject property.
Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Agency members to have staff report on compliance with the IWA permit for the property for the Agency’s regular meeting on November 20, 2019 to determine if the remaining bond should be released.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
There was no report from the Enforcement Officer who was out on Medical Leave.

SCHEDULING DATE FOR NEXT IWA SITE INSPECTIONS
No site inspections were scheduled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular meeting of September 18, 2019
Note: Action on these minutes was deferred until the Agency’s regular meeting on November 20, 2019.
ADJOURNMENT

• Adjournment of meeting
** Mr. Kurek moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m..
** Mr. Josephs seconded.
** Voting for: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg.
** Opposed: No one
  Unanimous Approval 5-0
Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan,
Acting Recording Secretary