

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency for October 21, 2020 was commenced via WebEx at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 by Chairman Robert Blythe.

Agency members participating in the WebEx Meeting were: Chairman Robert Blythe, David Speranzini, Jack Kurek, Barry Josephs, Josh Goldberg and alternate Jean Webber. . Alternate Josh Lemon did not participate in the meeting. Acting Agency Enforcement Officer (AEO) Kristine Sullivan participated in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Gordon and Jonathan Rohner: 24 Center Road

Application for residential site development of property

The application submitted by Jonathan Gordon and Jonathan Rohner for the residential site development of their property located at 24 Center Road was formally received by the Agency. The application was accompanied by the site plan showing proposed development of the lot for their residence, soils report, proof of certificate of notice mailing to the abutting property owners and check for the Town and State application fees.

The applicants, Jonathan Gordon and Jonathan Rohner, and their project engineer Bryan Nesteriak from B and B Engineer were all present for the WebEx meeting. In discussion and response to questions by Agency members the following was noted:

- The site is a wooded site of 3.3 acres.
- One third of the site is wetlands including an intermittent stream
- The site plans shows the footprint of a modest colonial with a circular driveway and garage under on the western end of the house and the septic system downslope (east) of the house.
- The house would be serviced by underground utilities.
- The onsite drainage system that has been designed would take runoff from the roof drains and driveway and direct it to an underground infiltration system. The area for the underground infiltration has been tested and would support such a system.
- Except for the installation of the pipe for the footing discharge, ripped footing drain outlet and minor grading related to the septic system no work would occur within 50' (fifty feet) of the onsite wetlands.
- The drainage infiltration system has been designed to handle one inch of runoff.
- It was surprising how much of the site is wetlands. Aside from the uplands adjacent to Center Road, the other uplands are two "pockets" in the wetlands themselves.
- The site is vegetated with trees, a handful of which are mature, and underbrush. There are a lot of Japanese Red Maples on the site.
- A limit of clearing will be identified on the plans.
- There is no plan to clear the site other than what is needed for the construction of the residence, septic and onsite drainage.

- The area are that would need to be cleared to install the footing drain pipe and outlet pad would be minimal.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was the consensus of the Agency members to refer the site plan to the Agency's consulting engineer firm, Criscuolo Engineering. In addition a site walk, if any, would be deferred until review comments were received back from Criscuolo Engineering. Further discussion and action on the application was deferred until the Agency's next regular meeting on November 18, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Daniel and Lauren Esposito: 15 Wolf Tree Drive

Cease and Desist Order Regarding Tree Clearing and Grading in Wetlands and Upland Review Area

Daniel Esposito: 21 Wolf Tree Drive

Cease and Desist Order Regarding Tree Clearing and Grading in Wetlands and Upland Review Area

An email had been received from Attorney Bernard Pellegrino on behalf of the Esposito's indicating that there had been a mix up regarding scheduling of Soil Scientist David Lord and the contractor who needed to dig down through fill that had been place on the site, to enable Mr. Lord to be able to delineate the onsite wetland soils. Mr. Lord and the contractor are now scheduled to be at the subject sites next week. Once the soil delineation is made Mr. Lord will create a remediation plan.

It was the consensus of the Agency members to carry over discussion related to the foregoing matters until the Agency's regular meeting on November 18, 2020 to allow time for wetland soils to be mapped and a remediation plan to be made and submitted for the Agency's consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

SITE VISITS

No site visits needed to be scheduled.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

The Agency members had been provided with a copy of a report biologist Jennifer Beno indicating that the required plantings had been done at 220 Seymour Road.

AEO Sullivan reported that she had spoken with Mr. Bryant Esparo about the need to allow the area between the house and the pond to not be mowed, but revert to a natural state. She noted that Mr. Esparo would create a trail to the pond using woodchips so that they would access to the pond itself for fishing, but no mowing would be required to access the pond. A site inspection will be done at the end of November/beginning of December to see how the currently mowed area between the house and pond are naturalizing with a report made back to the Agency for the regular meeting of the Agency in December.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special meeting of July 1, 2020

- *** Kurek moved approval of the minutes with corrections
- *** Speranzini seconded
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg
- *** Opposed: No One
- *** Recused: No One
- *** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Regular meeting of July 15, 2020

- *** Kurek moved approval of the minutes with corrections
- *** Speranzini seconded
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg
- *** Opposed: No One
- *** Recused: No One
- *** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Regular meeting of September 16, 2020 postponed until September 23, 2020

- *** Goldberg moved approval of the minutes with corrections
- *** Josephs seconded
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg
- *** Opposed: No One
- *** Recused: No One
- *** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- *** Goldberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.
- *** Kurek seconded
- *** In favor: Blythe, Kurek, Speranzini, Josephs and Goldberg
- *** Opposed: No One
- *** Recused: No One
- *** Abstained: No One

Approved 5-0 vote

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Sullivan, Acting Recording Secretary