

**Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Bolton Town Hall
222 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT**

Members Present: Chairman Ross Lally, Vice Chairman James Loersch, Jane Darico and David Ostafin

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Wetlands Agent Barbara Kelly and 2 members of the public

Chairman R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

J. Darico made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. D. Ostafin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Old Business

None

3. New Business

A. Application 2019-2-Matthew Kuzmickas & Jessica Webb-93 Volpi Road-Construction of an inground pool 25' x 38' with coping

Application is actually 2019-3. Applicant Matthew Kuzmickas spoke. Aqua Pool will be installing a salt water pool with concrete coping around the edge. There will be landscaping along the wetlands line from the back of the pool to the property line with wood chip mulch and a line of boulders as a retaining wall. The mechanical room will be under a screened in porch with a trench dug from the pool to the mechanical room. The dug up material will be trucked away. B. Kelly asked about the change of grade after the excavation is done.

Additional questions include the limits of disturbance, where exactly the boulders will be placed, what is the overall plan, how will excavation and backfilling be performed, where will stockpiling of materials take place, where will the drains be located if necessary and will the slope need to be reinforced. Mr. Kuzmickas will have Aqua Pool research and respond to those concerns and he will submit revised plans. R. Lally and J. Loersch also questioned where the water would go if pool drainage or back flushing is necessary. Mr. Kuzmickas will address this concern with Aqua Pool. A fence will be installed around the pool. B. Kelly noted that with the slope of the property, care should be taken to make sure the fence is installed properly. Disturbances should be kept out of the wetlands. The commission thanked Mr. Kuzmickas for his presentation. J. Loersch made a motion to table any decision until the next meeting. D. Ostafin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Notice of violation-Alexey Ouzounov-37 Notch Road

B. Kelly noted that at 37 Notch Road, on the far side of Country Club Road there were wood chips visible from the road that were being pushed into the wetlands. This would require a permit. She was not able to contact the property owner but was able to speak with the tenant. B. Kelly advised them to stop spreading the wood chips and she asked for the property owner's information. Mr. Ouzounov noted that the wood chips are from brush and trees that had fallen on the property. The tenant works for the owner in clearing the property. When B. Kelly stopped by, the wood chips were no longer being spread. R. Lally asked if Mr. Ouzounov would give B. Kelly permission to access the property to determine what the baseline looked like before the work was done.

He feels that there were trees pushed into the wetlands. Mr. Ouzounov grows mushrooms in the wood chip area and has fruit trees on the property. Agricultural work is exempt from permitting but if work was done incidentally that would not be exempted. They need to determine what is agricultural related and what is not. He wants to make sure that things are stable and that no further work would be done without inspection. Mr. Ouzounov and B. Kelly shared contact information and will set up a time for a walkthrough.

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Approval of Minutes-February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

J. Loersch made a motion to accept the minutes as written. J. Darico seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

B. Kelly noted that there is wetlands filling occurring at 275 Hebron Road at the corner of Webster Lane. The filling is comprised of soil and gravel. It is visible from the road. She will follow up.

She also noted activity near the stream at 5 Webster Road. She will research further.

There is a pending addition to the Town Garage. The addition is over 100 feet from the wetlands however if drainage pipes need to be relocated there may be an issue or permitting needed.

She is working on getting wetlands permits issued online.

J. Loersch had follow up questions from the previous report. The first was regarding the progress of the forestry work on Box Mountain. B. Kelly noted that cutting was complete the last time she checked. NRCS has been to the location. They will be grading and planting soon.

The second was work at the Lake House. B. Kelly noted that the work that was done was okay but if grading was done permits would be required.

The third was regarding the renovation progress at the Valero Gas Station on Route 44. Work continues and a CO will not be issued without inspection. The work so far has not impacted the wetlands.

The last was regarding the garage construction on Mt. Sumner Drive. The garage has a 12 foot high reinforced wall to keep the work out of the wetlands review area.

7. Other

None

8. Adjournment

J. Darico made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. D. Ostafin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Brand

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Recording Clerk

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