Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 23, 2022 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting utilizing Zoom

Members Present: Chairman Ross Lally and Vice Chairman James Loersch and Alternate David Lynn (seated as a voting member)

Staff Present: Inland Wetlands Agent Barbara Kelly and Incoming Inland Wetlands Agent Cameron Covill

Others Present: Richard Barger

Chairman R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

D. Lynn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **J. Loersch seconded**. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

A. Jurisdictional Ruling (#WRER-22-4) – 87 Brandy Street – Restoration of 2 Existing Farm Ponds

Mr. Barger introduced the project. Approximately two to three years ago, he purchased this property formerly known as the Brondolo Farm. There are three parties, including Mr. Barger, that are involved with the property. The purchase was approved by the Connecticut Farm Land Trust. A final report was sent to the NRCS-Natural Resources Conservation Service with approval expected by the end of September. A conservation easement has been put in place stating that the property can only be used for agricultural use in perpetuity. The property has been farmed for 50-60 years with hay being cut for many years.

There are two farm ponds on the property that have been there for many years. The ponds have never been restored. The northern pond is filled in with silt and had many phragmites, ninety percent of which have been killed. The ponds need restoration.

B. Kelly shared the project details online-the baseline report, the easement document, pictures looking across the northernmost farm pond, the trees at the edge ringing the south and east side of the pond, aerial views of the ponds, soil mapping and the plan that shows the size of the two ponds.

The northern pond will be excavated by removing two feet of silt that has accumulated over fifty years. Approximately 300-350 cubic yards of silt in total will be removed from both ponds. The dried material will be spread in the upland farm fields to protect the wetland areas.

R. Lally summarized the discussion by confirming that the property will only be used for farmland. The ponds will be used for irrigation if necessary. The property will remain as fields with no roads. There is a channel in the tree line toward the brook. The water flow will remain the same through the wetlands area with no change to the groundwater level. R. Lally read Section 4.1a of the Inland Wetlands Regulations and it was determined that no permit is necessary as it is maintenance of an existing farm pond.

J. Loersch asked how the material will be moved from the pond to the upland area. The silt will be removed by Alan Laliberte who will use an excavator with a 35 foot reach and a one cubic yard bucket. Mr. Barger said that due to monetary concerns, he will be using his own tractor to spread the silt. B. Kelly confirmed that the silt will be moved to the western end of the property, north of the tree line.

J. Loersch made a motion to find this a permissible activity under section 4.1a of the Inland Wetlands Regulations as a non-regulated use. **D. Lynn seconded.** The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

B. Kelly will send out a letter on Thursday to that effect.

Mr. Barger thanked B. Kelly for all of her help.

J. Loersch made a motion to discuss 65 Shoddy Mill Road at this point in the meeting. **D. Lynn** seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

B. IWC Agent Designation

Cameron Covill is preparing to take over as Inland Wetlands Commissioner in Bolton. He spoke about his previous positions with the Belchertown Massachusetts combined Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission, his work in Nantucket with the town land bank, working at the Connecticut Wildlife Division with the hunter safety program and at Northwest Park as an environmental educator. He is looking forward to providing his expertise in Bolton. B. Kelly will be working with him for a solid transition. R. Lally expects the transition to be complete by the end of the year.

D. Lynn made a motion to appoint Cameron Covill as Inland Wetlands Agent on behalf the Inland Wetlands Commission. **J. Loersch** seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting

J. Loersch made a motion to accept the minutes as written. **D. Lynn seconded**. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

B. Kelly reported on 65 Shoddy Mill Road. The town attorney has been doing follow up to encourage the cleanup progress. Mr. Barger said there are two court judgments-and illegal driveway cut and storage of 30 vehicles with the filling of a half acre of wetlands. Mr. Snarski, a soil scientist, has been hired to speak to B. Kelly and/or Jim Rupert to help move things along. B. Kelly has not heard from Mr. Snarski yet. Mr. Barger noted that the Board of Selectmen was pressuring him to see what was happening with the property. Mr. Barger will work with the attorneys to make sure the agreed upon plan is completed.

B. Kelly, Jim Rupert and Mr. Barger met on the property with the Gremegna property trustee. There is a \$100.00 per day fine for non-compliance. There is surety on the land records. \$65,000 in legal fees and back taxes have been collected. The focus of this commission is on the impact to the wetlands from leakage of vehicles.

B. Kelly, R, Lally and C. Covill will be at UCON this week for a wetlands and forestry class.

The town started a codification project a year ago. The town will take ordinances and regulations and roll them into one code for the town. This finished documentation will be printed and will also be available online. R. Lally said that if anything needs to be corrected in the regulations, it should be done before the project is complete. Ticketing and fines were considered but administrative duties are an issue. The town felt that it wouldn't be worth the time and trouble although the issue is open for further discussion.

7. Other: None

8. Adjournment

J. Loersch made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. D. Lynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3:0:0.

APPLICATION STATUS

IWC #	Sub. Date	Rec'd Date	Name or Address	Public Hearing Start	Min. Action Date	Max. Action Date
WRER-22-4	08-09-22	08-23-22	87 BRANDY ST.		09-27-22	10-27-22

** Legal extensions beyond this date have been included.

***Legal extensions beyond this date have not been included.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Brand

Leslie Brand Recording Clerk

Please see minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these minutes and any corrections hereto.



TH-22-3

Timber Harvest

Status: Active

Date Created: Sep 16, 2022

Applicant

Joseph Sicard jsicard26@gmail.com 55 Tolland Rd Bolton, CT 06043 8609423525

Primary Location

55 TOLLAND RD BOLTON, CT 06043

Owner:

Joseph/Karlie sicard 55 TOLLAND RD BOLTON, CT 06043

List All Parcels

Parcel ID / MBL 1397

Notification of Timber Harvest

Total Acreage of Property(s) 6.71

Total Acreage of Harvest Area

Note: Timber harvesting is a *Permitted as of Right Activity* pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, except for those practices regulated under Section 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General

Is there a current forest management/stewardship plan for this property? $\ensuremath{\mathbb{No}}$

Licensed Professional

Statutes.

This timber harvest has been prepared by a State of Connecticut certified:

Supervising Forest Products Harvester

Forest Practitioner Certificate #	Name
	Blaine culler
Address	Email
	58culler@gmail.com
Phone No (Business)	Phone No (Cell)
4135757007	



Timber Harvest Details							
Property Boundaries: Bounds are Marked?							
No							
Timber Harvest Boundaries: Have been marked or flagged? No							
Have owners of all lands within 100 feet of the harvest area been notified via first class mail prior to filing this "Notification on Timber Harvest?" No							
Estimated Starting Date of Timber Harvesting Operations 11/01/2022							
Description of Timber Harvest:							
Objective Select cut							
Treatment							
Amount of forest products to be harvested:	Board Feet						
Cords	Cubic Feet						
Tons							
How have the trees to be harvested been designated? They have not been marked							
Soil, Water, and Inland Wetland Resources							
	Temporary stream/drainage crossing						
Crossings/Clearing							
Temporary wetland crossing	Removal of trees in wetlands						
Removal of tress in upland review area	Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measure						
	Installation of water bars						
Grading	Seeding						
Other (describe below)							
	Log Landing Area						

Anti-Tracking Pad

Curb Cut

<u>Roads</u>

Are new roads, other than skid trails, to be constructed for transport of logs or other activities associated with this harvest? No

Describe in further detail as necessary

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Affidavit

I have read and understand the below statement. ☑

Electronic Signature [Typed Name of Applicant] Joseph sicard

Attachments



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History

Date	Activity
Sep 16, 2022 at 4:36 pm	Joseph Sicard started a draft of Record TH-22-3
Sep 16, 2022 at 4:37 pm	Joseph Sicard altered Record TH-22-3, changed ownerEmail from "" to "Jsicard28@gmail.com"
Sep 16, 2022 at 4:37 pm	Joseph Sicard altered Record TH-22-3, changed ownerName from "" to "Joseph/Karlie sicard"
Sep 16, 2022 at 4:37 pm	Joseph Sicard altered Record TH-22-3, changed ownerPhoneNo from "" to "8609855917"
Sep 16, 2022 at 4:52 pm	Joseph Sicard submitted Record TH-22-3
Sep 16, 2022 at 4:52 pm	approval step Application Reviewwas assigned to Barbara Kelly on Record TH-22-3
Sep 19, 2022 at 10:13 am	Danielle Palazzini assigned approval step Application Review to Cameron Covill on Record TH-22-3
Sep 19, 2022 at 10:13 am	Danielle Palazzini assigned approval step Application Review to Danielle Palazzini on Record TH-22-3
Sep 19, 2022 at 10:13 am	Danielle Palazzini approved approval step Application Review on Record TH-22-3
Sep 19, 2022 at 10:13 am	approval step Inland Wetlands Approvalswas assigned to Cameron Covill on Record TH-22-3

Timeline

Label		Status	Activated	Completed	Assignee	Due Date
\checkmark	Application Review	Complete	Sep 16, 2022 at 4:52 pm	Sep 19, 2022 at 10:13 am	Danielle Palazzini	-
~	Inland Wetlands Approvals	Active	Sep 19, 2022 at 10:13 am	-	Cameron Covill	-
=	Permit Issuances	Inactive	-	-	-	-







CRCOG Tax Parcel Viewer

