

Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting utilizing Zoom

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

Staff Present: Inland Wetlands Agents Barbara Kelly and Cameron Covill

Others Present: Joseph and Karlie Sicard

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

1. Approval of Agenda

A. Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **D. Lynn seconded.** The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

A. Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest (#TH-22-3) – Joseph Sicard – 55 Tolland Rd.

Cameron Covill provided background information on the proposal. The Sicards plan to remove trees on their property to provide pasture land for two goats. The total parcel is approximately 6.7 acres. 5.5 to 6 acres will be cleared. Boundaries will be marked well before the harvest. Trees over ten inches in diameter will be removed using chain saws and a forwarder. The proposed start of the project is November 1, 2022, when the weather will be cooler and the ground will be firmer. Redoxamorphic soil with orange spots is a wetland indicator although it is not recognized as an indicator in Connecticut. The composition of the parcel consists mainly of red maple, hickory and beech. The undergrowth is quite thick with poison ivy and Japanese barberry. There are a couple of small intermittent streams. There was no flowing or standing water noted after a rain storm. C. Covill showed photos of the area and an aerial map overview.

Mr. Sicard noted that this won't be a clear cut. It will be a select harvest of primarily old growth. Trees will be marked and flagged. A landing area will be designated and an anti-tracking pad will be laid down. Goats don't require totally clear pasture but the land is unusable at this point. R. Lally clarified that the primary purpose of clearing the land is for agricultural use for the goats. J. Loersch asked if the parcel will be grubbed or will the stumps be removed. Mr. Sicard said that wouldn't be necessary as goats don't require a totally clear pasture. Letters have not yet been sent to the abutting neighbors

R. Lally noted that the application paperwork is incomplete. The Forest Practitioner Certificate is missing, the amount to be harvested is blank, no notation of where the landing pad will be and the stream crossings are not clear. He indicated that the forester is usually on the call in situations like this and the forester should have been

the one to complete the paperwork. It doesn't appear that there is enough information to make a decision. The IWC has no regulatory oversight once an affirmative decision is made.

R. Lally suggested asking the forester to provide a simple map of the property by pulling the land records and indicating where the harvest will be done, stream crossings, sedimentation controls, landing pad location, etc. .

A. Gordon and J. Loersch agreed that a map with those indicators would be helpful.

R. Lally noted that a decision will have to wait until the next IWC meeting on October 25, 2022. The Sicards could still get started in November and R. Lally and C. Covill could review the paperwork ahead of the next meeting. A professional should provide the map, not the homeowner. C. Covill can assist in filling out the paperwork and he offered to contact the forester.

B. Kelly noted as a heads up, a zoning permit is required for goats as they are considered livestock. Mr. Sicard noted that there will not be a permanent structure. They will just have a pallet house with a tarp and the structure may move from time to time.

R. Lally noted that the Sicards should attend the October IWC meeting with the appropriate paperwork and they should check with Planning and Zoning about owning goats.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting

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A. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. **D. Lynn seconded.** The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

C. Covill provided the report.

55 Tolland Road - He will continue to work with the applicants

1120 Boston Turnpike - The catch basin is vegetated.

837 Boston Turnpike – An expansion of the storm water basin is proposed.

271 Hop River Road - Construction debris is being cleared from the wetlands and upland area. A small stream crossing is planned for the rail trail connection as part of the overall site approval.

65 Shoddy Mill – A wetlands scientist, Richard Snarski, has been employed.

Villa Louisa is planning to add a bed and breakfast. There are no wetlands on the property.

A. Gordon questioned the property on the corner of Loomis Road and Hebron Road. There had been plans to build a house there but nothing has happened. B. Kelly noted that people have looked at the property but the house could only be a two-bedroom with no garage.

B. Kelly noted that the lot is still for sale at 170-180 Bolton Center Road. The sign is still up but no applications have been received.

7. Other:

B. Kelly sent an Email to the commission members about the upcoming CACIWC conference.

C. Covill noted that the SSSNNE (Soil Scientists Society of Northern New England) annual meeting is on the same day as the CACIWC meeting.

R. Lally spoke about the about Forest practices workshop that he attended along with C. Covill and B. Kelly. There were many different levels of forestry professionals present. They were able to observe how dead ash trees are removed and how equipment crosses wetland areas. C. Cameron found the legal information beneficial. R. Lally encouraged participation at these sorts of events.

8. Adjournment

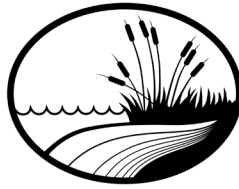
A. Gordon made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. **D. Lynn seconded.** The motion passed unanimously 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Brand

Leslie Brand
Recording Clerk

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



NEW ENGLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Wetland Restoration Monitoring Report

**65 Shoddy Mill Road
Bolton, Connecticut**

October 18, 2022

Prepared by:

R. Richard Snarski
Professional Wetlands Scientist #1391
Registered Professional Soil Scientist
Consulting Botanist

Wetland Restoration Monitoring Report
65 Shoddy Mill Road
Bolton, Connecticut

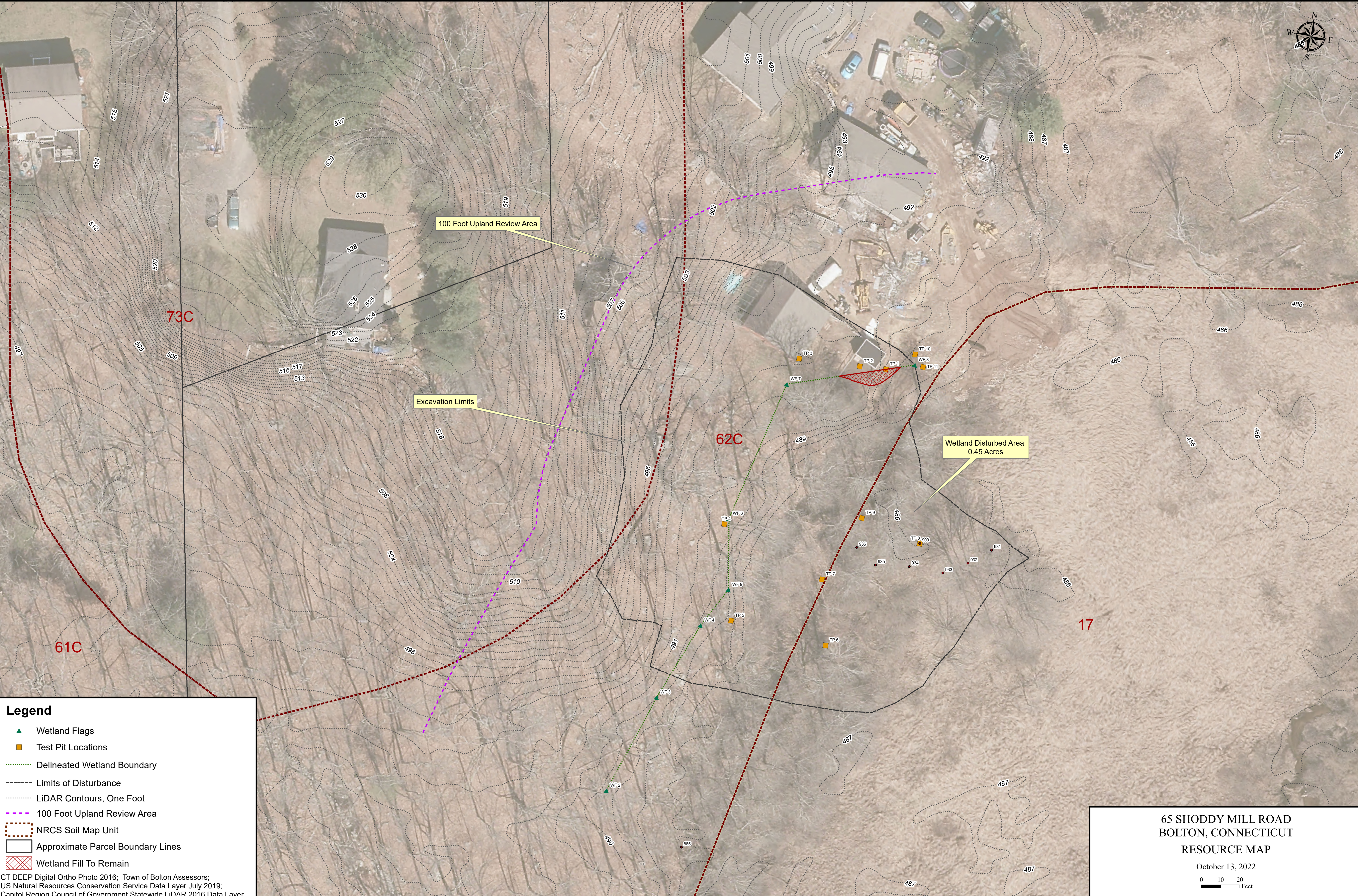
1. The restoration of the wetland is expected to occur in late fall or winter of 2022.
2. The Wetland Agent for the Town of Bolton will be notified of the date when the wetland restoration will begin.
3. Richard Snarski will supervise the restoration of the wetland.
4. Land Survey & Technical Services, Inc. (an affiliate company of Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc.) will place stakes along the natural wetland boundary which was established on March 5, 2022 by Richard Snarski. The stakes will be 4-feet high and placed every 25-feet along the wetland boundary. The stakes will be painted orange.
5. An excavator and bulldozer will be used to remove the fill from the wetland. The fill will be placed on the cut slope, which is where the fill originally came from. The fill will be graded to a slope no greater than 2 to 1. The fill will be placed in other upland areas on site or hauled off the property if all the fill cannot be placed on the cut slope west of the filled wetlands.
6. The fill on the slope will be seeded in the winter with a grass seed mixture containing Annual Rye Grass, Perennial Ryegrass, and Red Fescue. The grass seed mix will be hand-raked into the soil. Biodegradable jute erosion control blankets (or equivalent) will be staked on the filled slope. A sediment fence will be installed at the base of the filled slope along the wetland boundary.
7. The excavator will remove the fill from the wetlands to uncover the natural wetland topsoil. Some of the wetland topsoil will be removed during the excavation because the fill probably got compressed into the wetland topsoil. The restored wetland is expected to be about 6-inches lower than the adjoining undisturbed wetland. The restored wetland will be a shallow water marsh having approximately 6-inches of standing water during the spring and early summer.
8. A wildlife habitat enhancement structure will be constructed in the restored wetland which includes the following:
 - a. 4 to 6 shallow water pools will be created for habitat of amphibians and turtles. The pools will be 8 to 10-feet wide and be 3-feet deep.
 - b. 8 to 10 boulders will be placed on an angle at the edge of the pools for turtles to climb onto.
 - c. 6 to 8 stumps will be placed in the shallow water marsh for Great Blue Herons and Egrets to set. The stumps will stick up 1-foot above the water surface.

9. A small area of filled wetland is proposed to remain in the vicinity of the building on the northern section of the filled wetlands. The reason is to have vehicle access to the building. The area of fill in the wetland proposed to remain is 136 ft². (See attached map.)
10. The following herbaceous wetland plants will be installed in the restored wetland in May 2022. These wetland plant species have a high wildlife value for food and cover:

<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickereel Plant	400
<i>Sparganium americanum</i>	American Burreed	600
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Soft-stem Bullrush	200
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Arrowhead	1 pound seed

Notes:

- A. The plants will be 2" plugs.
 - B. Richard Snarski will supervise the installation of the wetland plants.
 - C. The planting plan may need to be revised once the fill is removed from the wetlands. A revised planting plan will be submitted to the Bolton Wetland Commission for approval.
11. The restored wetland will be monitored for three growing seasons in July and August. The monitoring report will include the following:
- a. The percent survival of the wetland plants.
 - b. An inventory of the plant species which may naturally colonize the restored wetland.
 - c. The depth of water in the wetland.
 - d. Method to remove exotic invasive plant species (i.e. Phragmites) if they invade the restored wetland.
 - e. Photographs.
 - f. Recommendations for any remedial measures needed.
 - g. The monitoring reports will be sent to the Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission in October each year.



Legend

- ▲ Wetland Flags
- Test Pit Locations
- Delineated Wetland Boundary
- Limits of Disturbance
- LiDAR Contours, One Foot
- - - 100 Foot Upland Review Area
- NRCS Soil Map Unit
- Approximate Parcel Boundary Lines
- ▨ Wetland Fill To Remain

CT DEEP Digital Ortho Photo 2016; Town of Bolton Assessors;
US Natural Resources Conservation Service Data Layer July 2019;
Capitol Region Council of Government Statewide LiDAR 2016 Data Layer

65 SHODDY MILL ROAD
BOLTON, CONNECTICUT
RESOURCE MAP

October 13, 2022

0 10 20 Feet

NATHAN L. JACOBSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.



IW-22-7

Inland Wetlands

Status: Active

Date Created: Oct 16, 2022

Applicant

Todd Lockward
countrysideearthworks@gmail.com
35 Keeney Dr
Bolton , CT 06043
8607164574

Primary Location

83 VERNON RD
BOLTON, CT 06043

Owner:

Gary Kravetz
83 VERNON RD BOLTON, CT 06043

Internal Use

Conditions

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Petition Received?

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Date Received

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Date of Newspaper Publication of Inland/Wetlands Commission Action

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Summary of Inland/Wetlands Commission Action

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Bond Required?

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Additional Applicant Info

Applicant Type

Contractor

Permit Info

Type of Application

New Application

Permit For

Administrative Wetlands

Occupancy Type

Lots

Residential (Single Family/Duplex) --

Work Description

Rebuild existing wall along Lower Bolton Lake with no change in location or structure of wall

Development Title

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Comments

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	Proposed Distance
Distance from Inland Wetlands and Watercourses:	--

Requested Distance

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Wetland / Watercourses Project Information

Size of Subject Property (acres)

1

Total area of wetlands to be affected by the activity (acres)

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Open water body altered (acres)	Stream alternation (linear feet)
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Buffer/upland area altered (acres)

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Area of wetlands/watercourses restored, enhanced, or created (acres)

0

Described how the proposed activity affects wetlands, watercourses, and the regulated areas.

None

Described measures that will be taken to minimize the impact on wetlands, watercourses, and the regulated areas.

None

Is there a Conservation or Preservation Restruction on the Property?

No

Is this an activity associated with a use for which you intend to apply to the Planning & Zoning Commission?

No

Please read and check the following statements. By checking these boxes, you agree to abide by the statutes and ordinances of the Town of Bolton and the State of Connecticut.

I understand that the Commission may require additional information at any time during the review of the application as described in Section 7.6 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.



The Applicant must ensure that this application is complete and conforms with the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations (available at the Land Use Office for \$10.00). Ten (10) copies of supporting documents must be provided. The Commission encourages the applicant to discuss any project with the Town Staff and/or the Commission before submitting an application. The Commission requests that applications be submitted at least one week before the meeting.



The Agency shall monitor all Bolton wetland and watercourses and have enforcement powers as described in Section 14 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. The Commission Members and designed agent(s) may make regular inspections upon reasonable notice of all regulated activities to investigate possible violations of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.



If this application is filed with the Inland Wetlands Agent under Section 12.1 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, the Applicant may appeal the Agent's decision according to the process descibed in section 12.2 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.



Attorney Info

Name	Address
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Zip	Phone
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Engineer Information

Company Name	Engineer Name
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Email

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
Contractors



Name Todd Lockwood	Address 35 Keeney Dr
City Bolton	State CT
Zip 06043	Phone No 8607164574
Email Countryearthworks@gmail.com	DBA --
Mobile Phone No 8607164574	

Additional Project Info

Date of Receipt --	Hearings Commencement Deadline --
Hearings Completion Deadline --	Decision Deadline --
Total Acreage --	Distance to Town Line --
Extended <input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing Not Required <input type="checkbox"/>

Attachments





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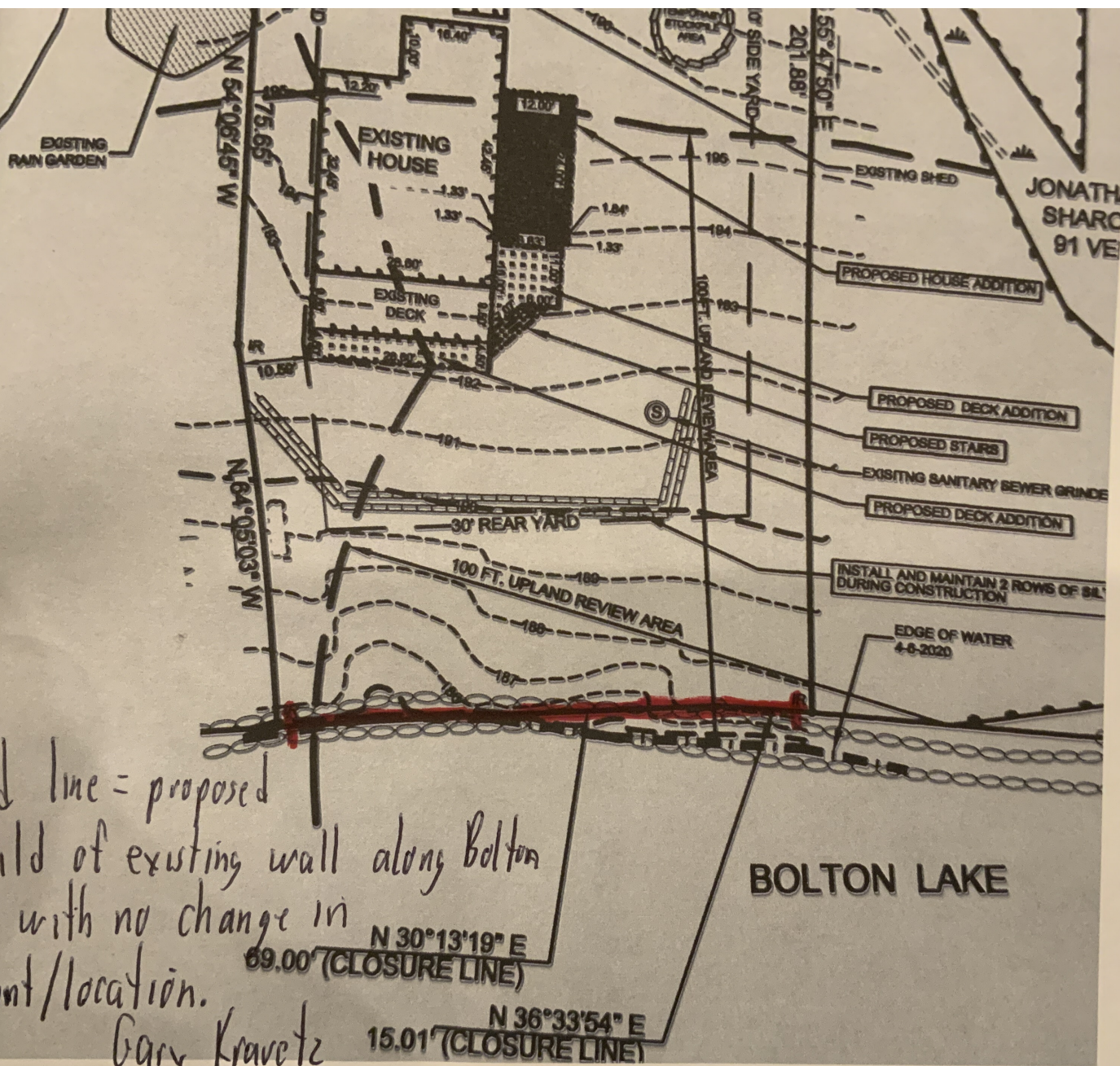
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83 Vernon. Wall Plan.pdf
Uploaded by Danielle Palazzini on Oct 19, 2022 at 9:36 am

History

Date	Activity
Oct 16, 2022 at 7:41 pm	Todd Lockward started a draft of Record IW-22-7
Oct 16, 2022 at 7:43 pm	Todd Lockward altered Record IW-22-7, changed ownerEmail from "" to "gk4tennis@yahoo.com"
Oct 16, 2022 at 7:43 pm	Todd Lockward altered Record IW-22-7, changed ownerName from "" to "Gary Kravetz"
Oct 16, 2022 at 7:43 pm	Todd Lockward altered Record IW-22-7, changed ownerPhoneNo from "" to "8606141304"
Oct 16, 2022 at 8:11 pm	Todd Lockward submitted Record IW-22-7
Oct 16, 2022 at 8:13 pm	completed payment step Permit Fee on Record IW-22-7
Oct 16, 2022 at 8:13 pm	approval step Application Reviewwas assigned to Barbara Kelly on Record IW-22-7
Oct 17, 2022 at 11:30 am	Danielle Palazzini assigned approval step Application Review to Danielle Palazzini on Record IW-22-7
Oct 18, 2022 at 11:57 am	Danielle Palazzini approved approval step Application Review on Record IW-22-7
Oct 18, 2022 at 11:57 am	approval step Inland Wetlandswas assigned to Cameron Covill on Record IW-22-7
Oct 19, 2022 at 9:36 am	Danielle Palazzini added attachment 83 Vernon. Wall Plan.pdf to Record IW-22-7

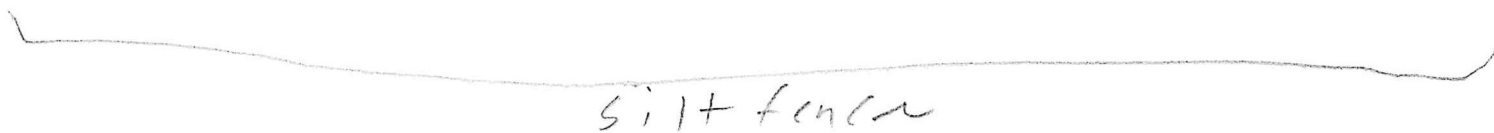
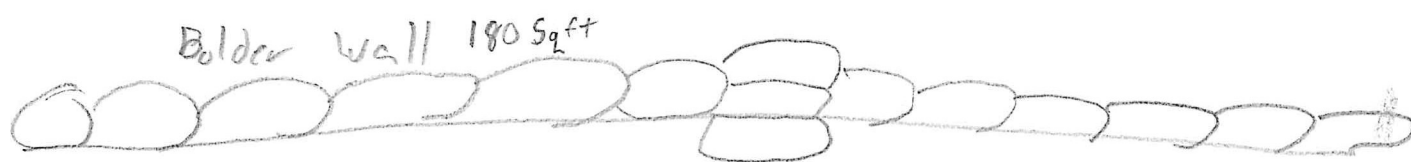
Timeline

Label		Status	Activated	Completed	Assignee	Due Date
	Permit Fee	Paid	Oct 16, 2022 at 8:11 pm	Oct 16, 2022 at 8:13 pm	-	-
	Application Review	Complete	Oct 16, 2022 at 8:13 pm	Oct 18, 2022 at 11:57 am	Danielle Palazzini	-
	Inland Wetlands	Active	Oct 18, 2022 at 11:57 am	-	Cameron Covill	-
	Issue Permit	Inactive	-	-	-	-



Red line = proposed
rebuild of existing wall along Bolton
Lake with no change in
footprint/location.

Gary Kravetz







① C. Peter Van Dine
83 Vernon Rd

② Jonathan Van Dine and Sharon Fitzhenry
91 Vernon Rd