

BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022– 7:00 pm
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBSITE PLATFORM
Minutes

Inland Wetlands Commission Members Present: Chairman Ross Lally, Vice Chairman James Loersch, Dave Lynn (Alternate)

Inland Wetlands Commission Members Absent: Jane Darico, Andrew Gordon

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent Barbara Kelly and Board Clerk Linda McDonald

Others Present: Martin Georges, Brent Mayerson, Debbie Livingston

Call to Order: R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. D. Lynn was seated as voting member.

1. Approval of Agenda: J. Loersch MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. D. Lynn SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

2. Old Business: No old business.

3. New Business:

3.a Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest – Gwen Marion – 0 Brandy St:

B. Kelly said the purpose of the timber harvest is to restore some open field habitat on 4.5 acres. A forester has marked a number of trees to be kept. She said there is a small stream crossing and timber mats would be used as bridges and removed afterward. The Bolton Land Trust is looking for a jurisdictional ruling under Section 4.1a of the Bolton Wetlands Regulations for an agricultural exemption for some or all of the activity.

B. Mayerson explained a review from NRCS regarding the financial grant found most of forestland in town is the same age, size and species. The purpose of the timber harvest would be to create an emergent forest to allow a different habitat to become established (eastern cottontail, timberdoodles, various bird species). He noted, as a condition of the grant, NRCS has to be notified of any activity on the property.

J. Loersch MOVED to find this an activity permitted an as-of-right under the Agricultural provisions of Section 4.1a of the Bolton Inland Wetlands Regulations. D. Lynn SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

3.b IWC #2022-1 – Martin Georges – 19 Shoddy Mill Rd. – Construct A 1&-1/2 Story Barn, including Excavation for Concrete Foundation, and Trenching for Electrical Service and Cold-Water Line from Existing House:

M. Georges, of 19 Shoddy Mill Road, explained his proposal is to erect a barn on the property which will be in the regulated wetlands region. The footing of the barn is approximately 19' from the boundary of the wetlands. He would like to extend the existing driveway to the barn. Currently the driveway and barn are about 20' from each other. The proposal include trenching from the house to the barn to provide electrical service and trenching from the existing well to

the barn to provide cold water. The proposed patio will be stone pavers on a gravel base. M. Georges would like to start the project in July or August.

B. Kelly said she looked at the site and the area is not very steep. There is a gentle slope leading to the wetland area and care has been taken by the property owner to keep the wetland intact over the years. She recommended the use of a compost log or hay bales instead of silt fencing to protect and keep sediment out of wetlands during construction. There is no activity in the wetlands.

R. Lally noted some of the site plan seems to be from the original sub-division and does not reflect existing conditions. He said the commission will need an updated plan of where stockpile area will be and suggested that a list of E&S control measures approved in the field by the wetlands agent as a condition of approval be provided as well.

Consensus of the members was to add this application to the next meeting agenda. M. Georges said he would update the drawings for next meeting.

4. Public Comment: No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes:

3.a Approval of January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

J. Loersch MOVED to approve the January 25, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. D. Lynn SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

6. Wetland Agent's Report:

Agent Kelly reported the removal of the beaver dam went smoothly. She said work is progressing to remove the contamination at 271 Hop River Road and nothing had moved from existing stockpiles. She said she will follow-up with a letter regarding the brush in wetlands on Clark Road.

7. Other:

7.a Inland Wetlands Annual Report:

Agent Kelly will send an updated FY2021 report for members to review and reply to her individually. Members made suggestions to update information in the report.

8. Adjournment: J. Loersch D. Lynn MOVED to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. D. Lynn SECONDED.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald, Board Clerk

Linda H. McDonald,

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.