

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBSITE PLATFORM
MINUTES**

Regular Members Present: Ross Lally – Chairperson, James Loersch – Vice Chairperson, and Diane Denunzio

Alternate Member Present: Michael McDonnell

Staff Present: Cameron Covill

Others Present: James Grady

Absent: Andrew Gordon and David Lynn

1) Approval of Agenda:

R. Lally called this meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

R. Lally asked M. McDonnell to act as a regular member to obtain a quorum.

R. Lally asked to move agenda item 5 “Welcome New Members” to line 1a. J. Loersch MOVED to approve the movement of agenda item 5. M. McDonnell SECONDED. By roll call vote, PASSES 4:0:0.

a. Welcome New Members:

R. Lally began this meeting by allowing everyone to introduce themselves, including the new members. R. Lally introduced members who were not present as well.

2) Public Comment: None.

3) Old Business: None.

4) New Business:

- a. #IW-23-2: James Grady – 35 Lakeside Circle – Construct New 28 X 10 Rear Deck and Install Stairs on Side Yard:**

J. Grady introduced himself. C. Covill announced that the property at 35 Lakeview Circle's proposed deck just got a zoning variance, and the house is currently 10 feet from the lake. He stated that there were minimum impact footings, and it was 28' x 10'. C. Covill asked J. Grady if there were any footings going into the lake and how close the footings are to the retaining wall. J. Grady responded stating that the retaining wall is about 24 feet from the house now in one corner and about 20-25 on the other. One side meets the setback requirements, but the setback is trapezoidal, not rectangular like the house is. It is 10 feet back from the retaining wall.

C. Covill asked if they were still planning on building a small set of stairs. J. Grady stated that they were planning a small set of stairs on the side entrance of the home and on the back where they have a slider door. He stated that neither of the stairs were code compliant before. The stairs are said to be 4 steps and then the deck itself – 42 inches wide with a handrail.

The footings are planned to be hand dug with silt fencing – 12" footings or helical pier, which are drilled and not hand dug. D. Denunzio asked if one impacts the lake less than the other. J. Grady stated that he believes the helical pier would be less invasive.

J. Loersch asked what he would be doing with the excess material. J. Grady stated they would be using a dump trailer and would retrieve the material with a wheelbarrow because the space between the houses is too narrow.

J. Loersch asked how deep the holes are planned to be. J. Grady stated they were planned to be 42".

M. McDonnell asked how deep the ground water is and if it will impact their ability to make concrete piers. J. Grady said they won't know until they start digging, but if they ran into any issues they would have to switch to helical pier. J. Loersch asked how many piers they were planning. J. Grady said there will be 5 piers. D. Denunzio asked if the retaining wall is structurally sound. J. Grady stated that it looks to be, but they won't be going any further than silt fencing. M. McDonnell asked if they were putting crushed stone below the deck. J. Grady stated that the homeowner wasn't planning on it. M. McDonnell said it may help with future erosion if there was crushed stone down. J. Grady said if they run into a problem, he will let the homeowner know they have to put down the crushed stone.

The commission decided that they will send IW-23-2 to be delegated by C. Covill with the following conditions: the work must be performed in accordance with the plan of record that was submitted with the application and the silt and sedimentation fences must be installed and maintained in accordance with the 2002 CT Guidelines for Erosion and Sedimentation Control and excess material is to be hauled offsite.

J. Loersch MOVED to approve to send IW-23-2 to be delegated by C. Covill under these conditions. D. Denunzio SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

5) Election of Officers:

The slate proposed R. Lally as Chair and J. Loersch as Vice Chair. J. Loersch MOVED to approve R. Lally as Chair and J. Loersch as Vice Chair. D. Denunzio SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

6) Schedule 2024 Meeting Dates:

R. Lally presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2024. The commission changed May 28, 2024, meeting date to May 21, 2024, due to Memorial Day and they changed November 26, 2024, to November 19, 2024, due to Thanksgiving. All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

D. Denunzio MOVED to approve the 2024 meeting dates. J. Loersch SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

7) Approval of Minutes:

a. April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting:

The commission decided to table the approval of these minutes until more members were in attendance that had attended the April 25, 2023, regular meeting.

M. McDonnell MOVED to approve to table the minutes until the next meeting. D. Denunzio SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

8) Wetlands Agent Report:

16 Tanglewood Ln – Septic Tank Replacement, Permit #2023-1, failed septic system within 100 feet of a stream – C. Covill stated he visited two weeks ago and the grass has

grown and the erosion control is still up. He told the homeowner they can remove it now due to the turf being completely established.

83 Vernon Rd – Rockwall Rebuild, Permit #2023-7 – C. Covill stated the erosion control has been removed as the turf has been established.

271 Hop River Rd – New Gas Station – C. Covill stated he knows they have been reworking the plans with Planning and Zoning. R. Lally asked that he make sure there aren't any substantial changes to the plan that Inland Wetlands had already approved. He also asked about debris that needs to be removed. C. Covill stated last that he knew they had not finished cleaning up the debris.

R. Lally asked about the accident involving fuel on RT 6, and asked if any wetlands were impacted. C. Covill said not that he knows of, but he knows DEEP came to remove soil.

R. Lally asked about 180 Bolton Center Rd and that they have the silt fences up like asked, but it's cleared with exposed soil. C. Covill stated they did agree to fix the silt fence and did so within a week. He mentioned he would need to double check the plans for the open soil, but he knows in the 2002 Guidelines it is recommended to put down temp seeding or hay if left for over a month.

9) Other:

The commission welcomes all new members.

10) Adjournment:

R. Lally adjourned this meeting at 8:09 PM.

IWC#	Submittal Date	Received Date	Name or Address	Public Hearing Start Date	Min. Action Date	Max. Action Date
IW-23-2	07-19-23	07-25-23	35 Lakeside Circle		08-29-23	09-28-23

Respectfully submitted by Ashleigh N. Johnson, Board Clerk

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