

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 19, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM WEBSITE PLATFORM**  
**MINUTES**

**Regular Members Present:** Ross Lally – Chair, James Loersch – Vice Chair, Diane Denunzio

**Alternate Member Present:** Michael McDonnell

**Staff Present:** Cameron Covill

**Others Present:** Charlene Smith, Nicholas Lulick

**Absent:** Andrew Gordon, David Lynn

**R. Lally called this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**R. Lally seated M. McDonnell as a voting member.**

**1) Approval of Agenda:**

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

**2) Public Comment:**

Members of the public introduced themselves to the commissioners.

**3) Old Business:**

**A. #IW-23-8: Charlene Smith – 9 Lyman Rd – Building a 24 X 24 Detached 2 Bay Garage:**

Proposed detached garage, foundation, and gravel driveway in the Upland Review Area. Received updated plans from the contractor showing the proposed erosion controls. Increased from 24' x 24' to 26' x 26' but also now 5' further from the wetlands boundary from 25' to now 30'. This increase in footprint was due to bringing the originally proposed stairway that was on the outside of the garage to the inside. The proposed garage driveway is 10' from the septic leaching field. Mr. Lulick, contractor for the applicants, stated that he contacted the Town Sanitarian, Thad King, per Mr. Covill's instructions and that Mr. King said it would be acceptable. Chairperson Ross Lally noted that the applicants incorporated all of the Commission's concerns from the last meeting into this updated plan and addressed those concerns adequately.

J. Loersch MOVED to approve the plans as presented with standard conditions, DISCUSSION: Mr. Covill notes that the new Connecticut Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines have been released and are in effect, so the standard condition to abide by the 2002 Guidelines for Erosion and Sedimentation Control should be updated to abide by the 2023 Guidelines, M. McDonnell

SECONDED this motion with the amendment presented by Mr. Covill. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

#### **4) New Business:**

None.

#### **5) Approval of Minutes:**

##### **A. November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Covill notes that in the beginning of Item 6 in the Minutes from November 28, 2023, "Agent Report", first sentence, 271 Hop River Road permit number is 2022-5 not 222-5.

D. Denunzio MOVED to approve the November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction noted above, J. Loersch SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

#### **6) Wetland Agent Report**

C. Covill reported that he has been in contact with contractors and owners at 271 Hop River Road, Gas Station – Permit #2022-5. The contractor received the go-ahead from the owner and got dumpsters to resume the clean-up efforts, they had a timeline to remove most of the debris before the date of the meeting. There was a question of what to do with some of the materials, of which some things needed to be tested before moving so they know what to do with it per CT DEEP's instructions, and that may affect the timeline of the clean-up efforts. Mr. Covill told them that was fine. There are some bituminous millings and larger debris (i.e. a tractor trailer) farther back on the site that the contractor told Mr. Covill they was unsure if some of it is on their site or the neighbors. Mr. Covill states that he told the contractor to continue the clean up as they've been doing, consult with the project's Environmental Professional, (who was to be retained per the Wetland Permit) as needed, and consult with surveyors for any questions about the property line. D. Denunzio asks how further dumping can be prevented in this area. Mr. Covill and Mr. Lally state that this dumping is likely historical from the last owner(s) of the property and that the construction fence that is up around the site, along with the proximity to the busy road, will likely deter further dumping.

C. Covill reported 1 Notch Rd has remained compliant with their permit. R. Lally notes that material has been brought in to be spread for additional grading, but no material on-site has been removed. R. Lally asks Mr. Covill to follow up and schedule a site visit in the following week, to which Mr. Covill agrees.

D. Denunzio had to leave the meeting at approximately 7:45 PM.

R. Lally notes that 180 Bolton Center Road has resumed work and they appear to be excavating the foundation. Mr. Covill notes that he received an inquiry from a concerned citizen about the state of the erosion controls for that site a week prior to the meeting, and that Mr. Covill

contacted the contractors using the site asking them to repair the silt fencing. He received an email back stating that the erosion controls would be functioning as intended before the rain which was predicted last week. Mr. Covill will follow up with a site visit to assess the work that's going on and the adequacy of the erosion controls.

C. Covill reported that an application for a septic repair will be forthcoming at 199 Hebron Road. The owners and contractors have not yet submitted an application but Mr. Covill has been in contact with the Town Sanitarian about it. Mr. Covill shared his screen and pulled up the town GIS to show the property and the wetlands map layer. R. Lally noted that Mr. Covill can send him the plans when they arrive and delegate the approval to Mr. Covill so the septic system can be replaced as quickly as possible, as long as the proposed work is not in the wetlands.

**7) Other:**

None.

**8) Adjournment:**

M. McDonnell MOVES to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, J. Loersch SECONDED. By roll call vote, passes UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Cameron J. Covill, Duly Authorized Wetland Agent

*Cameron J. Covill*

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