

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
FRANKLIN TOWN HALL
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
Franklin, CT 06254
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Baribeault called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Baribeault, Don Smith

Members Absent: Leo Bienvenue, Secretary Niels Jeppesen, Vice Chairman Joseph LeVasseur

Alternate Members Present: Calli Carboni

Alternate Members Absent: Josh Devercelly, John McGuire III.

Calli Carboni was seated for absent member Leo Bienvenue.

Staff Present: Wetlands Official Ron Chalecki

2. Recognition of Visitors: None.

3. Additions to Agenda:

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. August 1, 2023:

MOTION 1: made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Don Smith that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission approve minutes of August 1, 2023 – as amended

1. Agenda Items 6 a. and b. – strike “consider recommended changes discussed and”

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

5. Report Wetlands Official: Ron Chalecki:

HILLDALE FARMS: Since PZC approval, plans were modified. Modifications create no changes to IWWC approved application. There are no changes to encroachments to wetlands; and, upland review areas are staying the same. Project Engineer to keep in touch with Zoning Enforcement Officer about management of project.

99 ROUTE 32 - DOLLAR GENERAL: Dollar General completed construction. Certificate of Occupancy will be issued shortly. Minor modification requiring on-site erosion and sedimentation control details to be added to plans. Historical Society asked for replica mile marker/plaque to be placed on property in original location – in wetlands. This property is considered private. Property owner intends to place marker/plaque on site in original location.

KIT SULLIVAN – 204 ROUTE 32: IWWC agreed - Wetlands Agent to contact Town Attorney to add wetland violation to existing court case.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. **IWWC 23-04: JOSEPH RANDAZZO:** New Site Plan Review for regulated activity; Property located southeast corner of Route 32 & Route 207; Assessors Map 12 Lots 42 & 43; Zoned C-2/R-80; Existing Use of property is vacant land; Proposed Use is construction of warehouse / office units for lease Lots 1 & 2.

APPLICANT/PRESENTATION: Chairman Baribeault read correspondence into the record from Attorney Block dated September 1, 2023, requesting IWWC table this application to their next meeting.

MOTION 2: made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Don Smith that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission table Application IWWC 23-04 to the October 3, 2023 meeting

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION 3: made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Don Smith that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission suspend By-Laws and Regulations to after New Business.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

7. New Business:

- a. **IWWC 23-05: ANDREW CLARK (ROBERT CHMIELECKI):** Jurisdictional Ruling, Property located Plain Hill Road; Assessors Map 38 Lot 11; Zoned R-80; Existing Use of property is farm/forest; Proposed Use is select timber harvest.

APPLICANT/PRESENTATION: Andrew Clark was present. Submitted Statewide Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Activity Reporting Form, Statewide Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Activity Reporting Form, Notification of Timber Harvest, Timber Harvest Map Property, Description of Timber Harvest, Harvesting Equipment, Stream wetlands Crossing, Sedimentation & Erosion Controls Plans, and Timber Harvest BMP's.

MOTION 4: made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Don Smith that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission approve Application IWWC 23-05 as a Jurisdictional Ruling

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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Unfinished Business (**CONT**):

- a. Review IWWC By-Laws/Ordinance: Review to continue by commission members. Final By-Laws to be reviewed by Town Attorney.
- b. Review IWWC Regulations: Chairman Baribeault to make changes as discussed by the Commission this evening, send to Board of Selectman for review, followed by review by the Town Attorney. Regulations would then be sent to the DEEP Commissioner for review and a public hearing will be scheduled by IWWC.

8. Correspondence / Commission Matters: none

9. Public Comments: None.

10. Adjournment:

MOTION 4: made by Don Smith **SECONDED BY** Calli Carboni that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission adjourn at 8:24 pm

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pollard,

Administrative Assistant to the Commission