

BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Inland Wetlands Commission Members Present Via Zoom: Chair Ross Lally, Vice Chair James Loersch, Member Michael McDonnell, Alternate Member Diane DeNunzio, Member David Lynn

Staff Present Via Zoom: Wetlands Agent Alyssa Barroso

Staff Present Via Zoom: Board Clerk Mary Johnston

Others Present Via Zoom: James Read, Andrew Bushnell of Bushnell Associates, LLC.

1. Approval of Agenda

J. Loersch MOVED to approve the agenda. D. DeNuzio SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the November 19, 2024, Minutes. J. Loersch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

5a. Informal Discussion: James Read – 21-31 Vernon Road – Development of Lakeside Vacant Lot

A. Barroso began the informal discussion on the proposed application for a six hundred square foot house at 21-31 Vernon Road. A. Barroso stated there is erosion control on the shore of this property. There will be a paver driveway, and the applicant will maintain as many trees as possible. A. Barroso reported there is no direct impact to the wetlands. The Commission asked questions about the well location elevation change from the road to the lake, and the location of the house to the road and lake. R. Lally asked J. Read if he intended to add a dock. J. Read replied he has no intention of installing a dock on the property and he supports the current proposal.

The Commission gave their unanimous consent for J. Read to move forward with this application.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

A. Barroso gave an update on ongoing projects.

6a. 1 Notch Road

A. Barroso reported the owner is continuing to work on the property and has listed the property for sale. R. Lally stated there are some concerns with the driveway. A. Barroso will keep an eye on the ongoing activity.

6b. 148 Brandy

A. Barroso reported she visited the project which is the installation of an inground swimming pool. The project is almost complete, and the owner has done an excellent job. A. Barroso stated she will continue inspections until the project is complete.

6c. Green Hills Drive

A. Barroso reported on an undeveloped lot on Green Hills Drive that was cutting trees. A. Barroso spoke with the owner who is aware of the wetlands located on this property and is abiding by the regulations. A. Barroso will continue to monitor the cutting of trees.

6d. 271 Hop River Rd.

A. Barroso stated the trail that connects to the Hop River Trail has been completed and it looks good. The bridge crossing the stream has been constructed and does not impede water flowing under the bridge. A. Barroso stated she was pleased with the project. R. Lally asked about the container and trash located on the adjoining property and directed A. Barroso to investigate to see if this is a zoning or environmental issue.

6e. 65 Shoddy Mill

A. Barroso reported she visited this site and stated that the work completed looks good, but a few areas need to be addressed. The next step is planting then monitoring the property for three years. R. Lally asked A. Barroso to remind the owner to submit their report.

6g. Wall St.

D. DeNunzio expressed concerns with tree removal occurring on the property next to her residence. There are also abandoned vehicles located on the property. R. Lally pointed out there could be environmental issues with abandoned vehicles and asked A. Barroso to check on this activity and if there are any environmental issues.

7. Other

7a. Review Proposed Updates to Wetlands Regulations

M. McDonnell reported he is still working on the updates to the Wetlands Regulations and should have them for the Commission to review at the next meeting.

7b. Draft of Educational Wetlands Brochure

A. Barroso displayed a draft of the Educational Wetlands Brochure for the Commission. The Commission liked what they saw but felt some wording could be removed. A. Barroso stated she will make changes and provide a revised brochure at the next meeting. A. Barroso reported she is working on the Annual Report.

8. Adjournment: M. McDonnell MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. D. DeNunzio SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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