

Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission  
Regular Meeting, August 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
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Bolton Town Hall, 222 Bolton Center Rd, Bolton, CT

Members Present: Chair Ross Lally, Vice Chair James Loersch, Jane Darico, David Ostafin

Others Present: Wetlands Agent Barbara Kelly, Recording Secretary Linda H. McDonald, Patricia Zakowski, Edward Zakowski, and Rui Ling Wei

Call to Order: R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda: J. Darico MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. J. Loersch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.
2. Old Business: No old business for discussion.
3. New Business:

a. Application 2019-6: Application of Edward Zakowski, 7 Brookfield Road for a 24' x 24' garage:

Edward Zakowski explained his proposal to construct a 24' x 24' garage on his property at 7 Brookfield Road. B. Kelly said a small water course runs north to south on the property, far from, but still within the building envelope on the property. E. Zakowski said the garage is a pre-made structure which would sit directly on a gravel pad. Some trees and boulders would have to be removed. The excavated earth and rocks would be removed from the site. E. Zakowski said he might have to submit an alternate plan that would require a variance appeal before the ZBA if the removal of the rocks proves too difficult. In response from commission questions, he said there would be no change to the driveway and no paving to the garage. Commission discussion followed on possible conditions of approval.

J. Loersch MOVED to delegate application 2019-6 to the Wetlands Agent for issuance, with the following two conditions:

- Require sedimentation control (hay bales) depending on extensive digging with the boulders
- Locating a temporary stockpile on the side of the driveway away from the stream

D. Ostafin SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

b. Application 2019-7: Application of Rui Ling Wei, 890 Boston Turnpike to clear trees and grow grass:

L. Wei showed a photo of the land as it appears in the winter to the members and explained clearing the trees and growing grass would help the environment and be easier for her to maintain. The plan is to grub the area and pull out the stumps.

Discussion followed on a notice of violation of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations issued in 2013 for activity conducted without an inland wetland permit at this property. Three items were required in order for compliance with the regulations: development of a plan, approval of the plan and stabilization of the site and completion of planting. Correspondence from the Inland Wetlands Commission dated October 18, 2013 acknowledged compliance with the regulations.

R. Lally emphasized that the commission's duty is to make sure work is done in accordance with Town's regulations and to protect the applicant and the Town with a plan in place, addressing any concerns of the neighbors.

B. Kelly said the slope to the water is very gradual. Discussion followed on how close to clear to the water's edge. L. Wei said she would like to clear as close as possible to plant a more border of more native species as the area is overgrown with invasive vines.

Board discussion followed on options for clearing the site and methods for keeping silt out of the water while the grass is being grown and stabilizing the area. The Commission directed the Wetlands Agent or designee to inspect the work site on a regular (possibly daily) basis.

J. Loesch MOVED to delegate application 2019-7 to the Wetlands Agent for issuance with the following conditions:

- Wetlands Agent will meet with the contractor before work starts.
- Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) measures must be in place before any soil disturbance.
- The sedimentation barrier must be maintained at the end of every workday
- If the grass-seeded area doesn't grow this fall, the applicant must mulch the bare patches before winter for soil stabilization.
- Work must be completed before the end of this growing season (October 15).

J. Darico SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

4. Public Comment: No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes: J. Darico MOVED to approve the August 27, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. D. Ostafin SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

6. Annual Report: Consensus was reached that the Chairman and Agent would draft the annual report and circulate to the members for review.

7. Wetlands Agent Report: B. Kelly reported on the following;

- Erosion near the commuter lot has been stabilized.

- 37 Notch Road – some of the overspill of material has been pulled back but not yet completed to satisfaction of Agent. Consensus of the Commission is to have the applicant come before the commission to explain why work has not been done if issues are not resolved soon.
- 1120 Boston Turnpike – The level spreader has been repaired. B. Kelly is looking for the planting plan. She is still in discussion with applicant but not satisfied with the work. Consensus of the commission is to have the applicant to come before the board at the next meeting to discuss stabilization and why they can't comply with terms of permit.
- Disturbance issue at 65 Shoddy Mill Road – B. Kelly has completed an affidavit and has a court date of October 7<sup>th</sup>.

8. Other: No other business was discussed.

9. Adjournment: J. Darico MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. J. Loersch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Linda H. McDonald

*Linda H. McDonald*

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.