

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES
BOLTON TOWN HALL
222 BOLTON CENTER RD, BOLTON, CT**

Lally called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

		Present	Absent
Regular Member	Jane Darico	X	
Chairman	Ross Lally	X	
Vice Chairman	James Loersch	X	
Regular Member	David Ostafin	X	
Regular Member	Open		
Alternate Member	Andrew Gordon	X	
Staff	Barbara Kelly	X	

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission approves the agenda as presented.

By: Loersch

Seconded: Darico

Voting:

For: Darico, Loersch, Lally, Ostafin

Against: None

Abstain: None

2. Old Business

A. 37 Notch Road – Alexey Ouzounov- Activity in and near wetlands and agricultural use

Alexey Ouzounov was present.

Staff had been out to the property and talked to a tenant. One of the vehicles in the area to be agricultural was being towed away. The tenant burns two to three cords of wood per month. Lally asked if the work being done without a permit has been remediated to her satisfaction. Staff replied that the edge of the wood chips is not where it was on the aerial photos.

Lally instructed the owner to provide information about the intended use of the area so the Commission can understand if it is agricultural which is typically permitted by right. Ouzounov grows mushrooms in the wood chips. Blueberries are also to be planted taking benefit from the decomposition of the wood chips. The vehicles have

been there since 2010 and 2015 in the same overgrown location. The owner would like copies of the aerial photos Staff is using. The duck pond used to be smaller with a duck house nearby. He is registered officially as a farm.

Lally asked Mr. Ouzounov to present to the IWC the limits of the fill, the limits of the plantings, the outbuildings, and any other activity, including the area for tenant parking and storage of wood for heating. If the activity is deemed agricultural and permitted as right, the IWC will be hands off. If there is a road being put in and a storage shed a permit application would be required. The owner will submit the information for the next meeting.

3. New Business

A. IWC #2019-8 – Roger Barrett, Jr. – 5 Webster Lane – Septic system repair/replacement

Roger Barrett, 87 Shoddy Mill Road, was present. He grew up at 5 Webster Lane where his son now lives. The septic system was installed in the 1960s and upgraded in the 1970s. The system is usable but not optimal. Barrett wants to do renovations to the home, improve the septic system, and replace the 15’ deep dug well. Using the aerial photos Barrett showed the IWC where good soils were found farther to the back of the property. This is an existing pasture area. The wetlands were flagged and basically along the fence line. Staff commented this would be activity in the upland review area with some fill needed in the wetlands. Mr. Barrett wants to do this work in spring or summer.

Lally instructed the owner to return to the February meeting with the plan showing the septic system, an arc showing the possible new well location, and any other improvements that may be considered. This way the permit will cover the possibilities without him having to return to the Commission.

4. Public Comment

There were no speakers.

Lally relayed the following information as learned in a seminar at CACIWC: Some ground rules should be in place this portion of the meeting. People are allowed to speak about items not on the agenda only during this time. Otherwise, they do not have to be allowed to speak. Comments should be addressed to the Chairperson.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. November 19, 2019 Regular meeting

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission approves the minutes.

With the following corrections:

Page 2, second paragraph, ninth sentence – change “so” to “do”.

Page 2, second paragraph – remove the orphaned “T” at the end of the paragraph.

By: Loersch

Seconded: Ostafin

Voting:

For: Loersch, Darico, Lally, Ostafin

Against: None

Abstain: None

B. December 17, 2019 – Regular Meeting - Cancelled

6. Budget

Staff and Lally have been working on the budget. \$2,235 will be submitted as the budget of the IWC. Actual spending in previous years was looked at during the budget process resulting in it being cut to \$1,600. Some reasons for that is that training has not been offered and the members have not been going to CACIWC. This is a regulatory commission. Training is important especially for new members. It was suggested that clerical and advertising be cut back because the Commission may not have a meeting every month. A combined budget line for these items for all Land Use Boards is being considered.

7. Wetlands Agent Report

Staff provided the following updates:

- The legal proceedings continue after access to the property was denied when attempted by the judge's order.
- A forester has been in touch about a conceptual timber harvest on property between Route 6 and the Rail Trail.
- 26 West Road was visited as a possible site for another fire pond.
- The Town's permitting system is now online and hosted in the cloud. This will enhance the permitting process for all departments, the public, and staff.

8. Other

Lally distributed the information about the Sexual Harassment training that is mandatory for all members and a State requirement. Training is online and needs to be completed by February 29, 2020.

9. Adjournment

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

By: Darico

Seconded: Loersch

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lally, Darico, Ostafin

Against: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

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Commission Clerk

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