

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES
VIRTUAL**

Lally called the meeting to order at 7:01p.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	

Also present:
Sandy Pierog

1. Approval of Agenda

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

By: Gordon

Seconded: Darico

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lally, Gordon, Darico

Against: None

Abstain: None

Gordan was seated for Ostafin retroactively by Lally.

2. Old Business

None

3. New Business

A. Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest – Chris Casadei – 122 Route 6, Andover, CT 06232

Staff said that Chris Casadei is with Hull Forest Products. This item is before the IWC to determine if falls under Bolton IWC regulations Section 4.1a. Staff said maps of the area and the notification of the intended forest harvest on the Andover Sports Club property were included in the Members packet. There are two parcels in Bolton and one in Andover. Staff walked the site and examined the area with

Casadei. The Bolton Land Trust has property surrounding the area. The piece has been regularly managed over the years. The haul roads are in place. The roads are in good, stable condition. There is one wetland crossing in Bolton. This is coming down a fairly steep, rocky hill. The intent is to reinforce the road by putting down logs to create a corduroy road. There will be some timber harvested in the wetlands on the edge of the watercourse to grab diseased ash trees. All markings were indicated at the time of Staff's walk through. Large healthy trees will remain to produce seed. This is clearly an agricultural activity.

The entrance road to the Club will be used to take equipment in to and out of. None of the proposed activities require a permit and there is to be no building of structures. The one wetlands crossing is the IWC's concern. They are maintaining a healthy forest through this management and stewardship of the property. This is not in preparation for development as we have seen in the past. The Club has an interest to maintain their diverse habitat.

Staff was comfortable with the forester's plan and that plan translated well to the people who have started the work in Andover.

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission finds this agricultural activity a permitted use by right per Section 4.1a of the Bolton Inland Wetlands regulations.

By: Gordon

Seconded: Jane

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lally, Gordon, Darico

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. **Set 2021 Meeting Dates**

Motion: I move to approve the meeting dates of 2021 on the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exceptions of November and December. The November meeting date will be 11-16-2021 and the December meeting date will be 12-21-2021.

By: Loersch

Seconded: Gordon

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lally, Gordon, Darico

Against: None

Abstain: None

5. **Public Comment**

No one wished to speak.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

A. July 28, 2020 Regular meeting

Correction:

- Page 2 of 5, second paragraph, third sentence – change to read “A 1’ x 8’ stone berm has been added to slow and filter water.

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission approves the minutes of the July 28, 2020 regular meeting as amended.

By: Gordon

Seconded: Darico

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lally, Gordon, Darico

Against: None

Abstain: None

7. Wetlands Agent Report

Staff had attended a Zoom meeting was held with a group from UConn along with Patrice Carson, Jim Rupert, and Josh Kelly. A UConn student is doing some LID study work and will be looking at Town properties to see where some low storm water impacts can be used. The other town UConn is looking at is Windsor Locks. The focus will be provide visible education of LID impacts.

Staff visits the properties for all applications that come in.

Sandy Pierog said the property across from the high school is owned by the Brundola family. The family is very much aware of the wetlands that are there. In response to talk that a solar farm is going there the Bolton zoning regulations would need to be changed to allow that. Developers identified three properties for possible solar farms but backed down when they found out this is not an as-of-right activity. Any developer would have to apply for a zoning change and would not be exempt from property taxes.

Pierog also said the PZC hearing for 1 Notch Road was postponed until the November meeting after a local group hired an attorney.

The court case for 65 Shoddy Mill Road continues to be worked on.

8. Other

None

9. Adjournment

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

By: Darico

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

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Commission Clerk

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