

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 27, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
MOTIONS & MINUTES
VIRTUAL**

Loersch called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

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

By: Gordon

Seconded: Darico

Voting:

For: Loersch, Gordon, Darico

Against: None

Abstain: None

2. Old Business

None

3. New Business

A. IWC #2021-6 – Deborah Marvin – 9 Sunset Lane – Construction of a 14' x 24' garage

Deborah Marvin was present. Staff said Ms. Marvin submitted an application to construct a garage within 100' of a watercourse. Her paved driveway is currently within 100' of a watercourse. The watercourse runs along the southern portion of the property. The garage will be constructed along the side of the watercourse and not downslope of it.

Loersch said the watercourse runs slightly into the property line but is a considerable distance from the garage. That is probably 30' per Staff. Loersch asked about erosion and sediment controls between the garage and the watercourse. Marvin said the water runs down the driveway toward the road. While the garage is being constructed haybales will be placed diagonally below the work. Ms. Marvin said Kloter Farms prepared the site with rock for the prefabricated garage.

Motion: I make the motion that the Bolton Inland Wetland Commission delegate this application to Staff.

By: Loersch

Seconded: Gordon

Voting:

For: Loersch, Gordon, Darico

Against: None

Abstain: None

B. Dennis Sheridan – 106 Hebron Road – Emergency repair of sinkhole – Jurisdictional ruling

Dennis Sheridan was present. Dennis said the deluge came up and over the road and created the sinkhole. Staff added the road was overtopped and water found its way under the pipe. The pipe may have collapsed. The sediment must have carried quite a ways because it was not deposited nearby. What is remaining is not stable. There are areas that are ready to erode.

Loersch asked if the applicant know how this will be repaired? Mr. Sheridan said he consulted with a potential contractor who suggested replacing the pipe to control the water flow with footings to stabilize the pipe. This is a hazard and denying the applicant access to the field. Mo Ephier out of Glastonbury is the contractor that Sheridan will likely use. Staff knows this contractor has done work for Mansfield and the town of Glastonbury. Staff said that key consideration for the IWC is this is an existing farm road from the 1950s used to access fields for haying and for maple sugaring. Loersch is concerned if there is another storm will the repair hold up. He would like the contractor to show a plan or sketch for Staff to review to see the repairs are adequate for the next 25 years.

Staff said Bolton's Highway Foreman has contacted Mr. Sheridan. The key for the IWC is to decide if this is an agriculture use as of right or is it a regulated activity requiring a permit; technically it is not a use requiring a permit under Section 4. Loersch does not have a problem with the urgency of repair as this is a permitted use of right for a farm road. Loersch wants to have the work done in a lasting and quality manner so it holds up. Sheridan is looking for that too and he has faith in Mo's and the company's work. Lance (Highway Foreman) did feel it is fixable and offered some suggestions including bracing for the historic stone wall as this is valuable to the property owner.

Motion: I make the motion that the Bolton Inland Wetland Commission activity as of right and does not require a permit under Section 4.1

By: Gordon

Seconded: Loersch

Voting:

For: Loersch, Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: Darico

4. Election of Officers:

Loersch had a discussion with Lally and both have agreed that their terms go on for another year.

Motion: I make the motion that the Bolton Inland Wetland Commission officers remain the same.

By: Gordo

Seconded: Loersch

Voting:

For: Loersch, Gordon,

Against: None

Abstain: Darico

5. Public Comment

No one was present to speak.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. June 22, 2021 Regular meeting

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission approves the minutes of the June 22, 2021 regular meeting with the noted changes.

By: Gordon

Seconded: Loersch

Voting:

For: Lally, Gordon,

Against: None

Abstain: Darico

7. Wetlands Agent Report

Staff said she is catching up from the vacation time she took. In general, that included the matters for this evening and to see if proposed pools or sheds require an IWC permit.

She attended a preconstruction meeting for the Dollar General. While at the location she took some photos of the detention basin. The vegetation held up for the big storms.

8. Other

Darico was informed that her votes were recorded as abstains during the issues with the Zoom connection.

9. Adjournment

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

By: Gordon

Seconded: Loersch

Voting:

For: Loersch, Gordon,

Against: None

Abstain: Darico

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

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Commission Clerk

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