

**BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 2022, 7:00 P.M.
MOTIONS & MINUTES
VIRTUAL**

Lally called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

		Present	Absent
REGULAR MEMBERS:	Andrew Gordon	X	
	Ross Lally - Chairperson	X	
	James Loersch – Vice Chairperson	X (arrived 7:15 pm)	
	Open		
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ALTERNATE MEMBERS:	Dave Lynn	X	
	Open		
STAFF:	Cameron Covill	X	
STAFF:	Barbara Kelly		X

Others present: Todd Lockward, Douglas Parks and Laurie.

Lynn was seated as a voting member.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission moves to accept the agenda as presented.

By: Lynn

Seconded: Gordon

Voting:

For: Lally, Lynn, Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: None

2. Public Comment

No one was present to speak.

3. Old Business:

A. Jurisdictional Ruling For Timber Harvest (#TH-22-3) – Joseph Sicard – 55 Tolland Road

Staff: The owner is still looking for a new forester.

Lally: Drop this item from the agenda for the time being. The matter can be brought back when they are ready to harvest. Since this is a jurisdictional ruling only, dropping it from the agenda is not a denial.

B. #IW-22-7 – Todd Lockward – 83 Vernon Road – Rebuild Existing Wall

Staff: This is for a rebuild or repair of a retaining wall on Lower Bolton Lake. The concrete border is crumbling losing its function. The plan is to replace it with boulders and some stone; silt fencing and fabric will be installed. Staff shared the the picture of the plan and photos he took of the area last week. The wall would be along the edge of the lawn.

Lockward: The water has not come down yet. He intends to put the silt fence below and above the work area. The wall will be within the same footprint as currently.

Lally: Recalls Lockward saying at the previous meeting that the work will be done from the land side. Lockward: Yes, he will use a mini excavator working from the top. Does not anticipate having a stockpile of material but if he does it will have a silt fence around it.

Loersch: Where is the silt fence location? Lockward: It will be below the wall and perhaps above. It depends on how far the water is out. He anticipates starting the work around December 5, 2022. Loersch: The sooner the better.

Lally: Is the approximate location where the silt fence will be on one of these documents? Lockward: He can put up the fence tomorrow and take pictures. IWC members can stop by and look at it. He needs enough room to work. Lally: The photo or sketch in the approximate location of the silt fence must be part of the file. This is to protect both you and the Town's interest by showing the agreement between Lockward and IWC. This can be a handwritten note. The plans will be updated to show the approximation of the silt fence. This allows the agent to go out and check it.

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetland Commission moves to approve #IW-22-7 – Todd Lockward – 83 Vernon Road – Rebuild Existing Wall.

With the following conditions:

- The approximate location of the silt fence is shown on the plans.
- The Wetlands Agent shall approve the location of the silt fence before the start of work.
- Work shall be done in accordance with the plans submitted.
- Erosion and sedimentation controls shall be installed and maintained per the *2002 Connecticut Guideline for Soil Erosion and Sediment Controls*.

By: Lynn

Seconded: Loersch

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lynn, Lally, Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. New Business

A. Informal Discussion with Douglas Parks Regarding the Installation of a Pickle Ball Court on the property of the Rosedale Beach Assoc.

Douglas Parks and Laurie were present.

Lally: This discussion is to see if the IWC has any issues with this idea before any money is spent.

Parks: Showed an aerial view of the area at 50 Linwood Drive. Ron and Laurie Bernier's property is their access point. There are no concrete or structures in there. The sand area toward the center is the existing 30' x 60' volleyball court. That is the size of a pickleball court. They are looking at what kind of potential obstacles there are to take that area and make that the pickleball court. Ideally, such a court should be a concrete surface. In excavating the existing material, he can see the IWC's concern of where that would go. They would haul that material out of there if the IWC has an issue with it being reused.

Lally: The plan can show where the stockpile would be and that it would be protected by a sedimentation fence in the meantime.

Loersch: Is the sand coming out? Parks: The sand would come out; crushed stone and a concrete pad would be put in. The association would love to begin taking the material out and putting in the fill material in February 2023. This would allow the base to sit for 1.5 months. The 5" layer of concrete would be poured in the spring.

Lally: The lot is flat which makes it less challenging for runoff or sediment. No building of structures is proposed. He does not see any problems if this comes to the IWC as a permit as long the silt fence and stockpile locations are shown on the plans.

Loersch: This looks fine to him. What will be the access point and will an anti-tracking pad be needed? Park: There is a double wide equipment gateway by the road and a pedestrian gateway. An anti-tracking pad will be good.

Lynn: Sees no problem with this idea.

Gordon: Does not have a problem with this plan. He does not know much about pickleball.

Lally: The consensus of the IWC is that it does not see insurmountable issues if an application is submitted.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. October 25, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission approves the minutes of the October 25, 2022, Regular Meeting.

With the following corrections:

- Page 4, item 6, fourth bullet, third sentence – change “min” to “mini”.
- Page 5, item 7 – change “CAICWIC” to “CAICIWIC”.

By: Loersch

Seconded: Gordon

Voting:

For: Loersch, Lynn, Lally, Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: None

6. Wetlands Agent Report

Staff reported:

- 299 Hop River Road, adjacent to 271 Hop River, is Andy’s Tree Service. They are currently operating the business but failed to get permits beforehand. There is a wood chip pile near the wetlands. Staff visited the site and told them to move that pile away from the wetlands. There are no building permits but they are not planning to build any structures. Lally: Is there any vehicle maintenance on site? Staff: Does not believe so. Loersch: What is the plan with wood chip pile? Staff: To be used as needed for mulching. Lally: Ask them their intentions of the use of the woodchips. Ask about fuel or oil storage also. Is there gasoline for chainsaws? Any storage of lubricants and fuel? If Staff gets answers to our questions there is no need to come before the IWC; Staff could sign off on the plans on our behalf. Loersch agrees with Lally as did the other Members.
- Loersch: Is the work moving along with the former M&M property? Staff: The property looks similar to last month. There is a bit more cleaned up. He will follow up about the demolition and the removal of any remaining vehicles.
- 180 Bolton Center Road is about to have work started there. There is a Bobcat digger and some other machines on site. Loersch: He saw there was some cutting of small trees out of there. Staff will be checking on the compliance to the plans for this work.
- 10 French Road began septic replacement work without the silt fence in place. Subsequently, he did see the silt fence installed correctly and still in good condition. Everything was contained by the silt fence. This project should be finished within a week.

7. Other

Lally: The yearly budget cycle is beginning. He will submit the same budget as last year. This is the same budget since he joined the commission in 2009. An annual report is submitted during the cycle. Staff: Has been going through the previous meeting minutes. He will review the report with Barbara Kelly and Lally before

giving this to Kathy McCavanaugh. Lally: The report should include an update on the state of IWC Regular and Alternate member open slots.

The consensus of the IWC was to submit the same budget.

8. Adjournment

Motion: The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

By: Gordon

Seconded: Loersch

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Filip

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Commission Clerk

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