

BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Inland Wetlands Commission Members Present Via Zoom: Chair Ross Lally, Vice Chair James Loersch, Alternate Member Diane DeNunzio, Member David Lynn. Absent was Member Michael McDonnell

Staff Present Via Zoom: Wetlands Agent Alyssa Barroso

Staff Present Via Zoom: Board Clerk Mary Johnston

Others Present Via Zoom: Daniel Dziadul, James Read, Chris Sutyla, Andrew Bushnell

1. Approval of Agenda

D. Lynn MOVED to approve the agenda. J. Loersch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

D. Lynn MOVED to approve January 28, 2025, Minutes. D. DeNunzio SECONDED. J. Loersch ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:1.

4. New Business

4i. #IW-25-1 – Brian Patsun (Septicology) – 139 Vernon Rd – Converting Outbuilding into Studio with a Bathroom

A.Barroso reported she visited the site and had no concerns. A. Barroso explained there is a buffer between the building and the lake and there is no risk to the lake. J. Loersch asked about the silt fence details. A. Barroso replied the applicant had submitted silt fence plan details. J. Loersch asked about health department approval to which D. Dziadul replied the Health Department is waiting for the approval of this application. J. Loersch inquired about the disposal of excavated material. D. Dziadul explained the material will be feathered back and on the surface of the trenches. J. Loersch MOVED to issue the permit for #IW-25-1- Brian Patsun (Septicology) – 139 Vernon Rd – Converting Outbuilding into Studio with a Bathroom with conditions the work conforms to State of Connecticut regulations. D. DeNunzio SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

4ii. #IW-25-2 – Chris Sutyla (County Line Septic) – 20 Goodwin Rd – New Septic Installation

A.Barroso explained the project and stated she had no concerns. A. Barroso pointed out there is an intermittent stream located 40 feet from the new septic and felt this distance was far enough away. J. Loersch asked about the disposal of the excavated material. C. Sutyla replied the excavated material will be hauled off site and a small pile of topsoil will

remain. J. Loersch MOVED to issue the permit for #IW-25-2 – Chris Sutyla (County Line Septic) – 20 Goodwin Rd – New Septic Installation with conditions the work conforms to State of Connecticut regulations. D. Lynn SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

4iii. #IW-25-3 – James Read – 0 Vernon Rd – Construction of Single-Family Home

A. Barroso reported she worked with J. Read on a robust Riparian buffer by the lake with some areas to receive plantings. A. Barroso stated she provided a plant listing as a basic guide for the project. J. Read stated he was pleased with A. Barroso suggestion and will use this guide for the buffer. J. Loersch asked J. Read if he has received approval from the Health Department. J. Read replied he has received approval. D. DeNunzio MOVED to issue the permit for #IW-25-3 – James Read – 0 Vernon Rd – Construction of a Single-Family Home with conditions the work conforms to State of Connecticut regulations. J. Loersch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

5. New Business

None.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

A. Barroso provided an update to the Cease and Correct order at 37 Notch Road. A. Barroso stated nothing has happened since the last meeting but the owner has been cooperative. A. Barroso stated the owner is waiting for the visit from a soil scientist. A. Barroso informed the Commission she is visiting the site on Friday. The owner will attend the March meeting.

A. Barroso reported on a neighbor issue on Shady Lane. A. Barroso stated the neighbor is not taking care of a overflow/maintenance issue in a ditch. R. Lally wondered if this was a public safety issue or enforcement issue. R. Lally would like more information before proceeding. A. Barroso will visit the site and report back to the Commission.

7. Other

7a. Review Fee Schedule

R. Lally discussed the current Fee Schedule that was last updated in 2015. After discussion, the Commission will review other same size communities fee schedule before making a recommendation to the Selectmen.

7b. Review Proposed Updates to Wetlands Regulations

A. Barroso discussed adding “Minimal Impact Permit” to the Wetlands Regulations. A. Barroso explained this new permit will be for projects that have a less time commitment and monetary. A. Barroso gave sample projects such as septic replacements and decks on concrete piers. A. Barroso stated these permits would become an agent permit and would require the applicant to attend one meeting instead of two. These permits could not be located in wetlands. The Commission discussed this addition to the regulations and would like more information on the definition on minimal impacts, definition in the fee schedule,

and provide examples with description at the bottom of the fee schedule. After discussion, A. Barroso and R. Lally will provide additional information at the March meeting.

8. Adjournment: D. DeNunzio MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. J. Loersch SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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