

Town of East Hampton
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Special Meeting

December 22, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.
East Hampton Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present: Vice-Chairman Joshua Wilson, Dean Kavalkovich, David Boule and Scott Hill.

Absent: Peter Wall

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Wilson.

2. Seating of Alternates: None.

3. Special Election of Officers (to serve through June 2022): Scott Hill nominated Joshua Wilson as Chairman and Dean Kavalkovich as Vice-Chairman. Scott Hill made a motion. The motion was seconded by David Boule. ***Vote: 4-0***

4. Approval of Minutes:

A) November 29, 2021 Special Meeting: Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the November 29, 2021 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boule.
Vote: 4-0

5. Communications, Enforcement and Public Comment:

Communications: None.

Enforcement: None.

Public Comment: None.

6. Agent Approval: None.

7. Reading of the Legal Notice: None.

8. Continued Applications:

A. IW-21-025: Middletown Sportsmen's Club, Champion Hill Road – Construction of Fire Access Road partially in Upland Review Area and a bridge over intermittent stream. Map 11/ Block 40A/ Lot 18. Joe Formica, President of Middletown Sportsmen's

Club asked for a continuance. Mr. Hill made a motion to continue application IW-21-025: Middletown Sportsmen's Club, Champion Hill Road – Construction of Fire Access Road partially in Upland Review Area and a bridge over intermittent stream. Map 11/ Block 40A/ Lot 18 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boule. **Vote: 4-0**

Commission Members reviewed wetlands delineations of the property from town records and Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich discussed the wetlands he saw during walk thru and the proposed road leading to the proposed bridge. Chairman Wilson recommended the applicant find the best crossing with a soil scientist to identify the least area of wetland impact. Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich expressed concern with wetland impacts of a proposed road leading up to bridge. Mr. Boule asked if the applicant stated why they wanted the bridge. Mr. DeCarli stated the proposed bridge and road is for emergency access. Commission Members discussed right of use. Mr. DeCarli stated the applicants were not opposed to conducting a wetlands delineation.

B. Application IW-21-026: William Carter, 23 Bay Road. Construct seawall along Lake Pocotopaug. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 23. Mr. DeCarli stated he received revised documents to include a new A2 survey. Mr. DeCarli showed Commission Members highlighted items noted on the A2 survey: the edge of water with the lake drawn down on December 17, 2021, original edge of water dated November 19, 2020 and the new sea wall base. Mr. DeCarli highlighted differences of the sea wall from a year ago including the edge of lake and the current sea wall and fill. Mr. DeCarli explained he asked the applicant's engineer to provide a cut and fill plan and noted the applicants filled in 75SF into lake and removed an area of 272SF of the lake. Mr. DeCarli noted he did not see other work had been performed upland of the sea wall and he has been monitoring the progress of the site. The lake has remained relatively low allowing applicants to perform work on the sea wall and the sea wall construction was being built in a proper manner. Mr. DeCarli explained there are significant boulders on either end of sea wall on the western end and the same on the eastern end. Mr. DeCarli showed pictures of current progress of the sea wall. Mr. Hill stated the applicants pulled the sea wall back and increased the of the lake by 197SF. Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich asked about the fill and cutting. Mr. Hill stated that in this case the applicants increased the lake and asked what is the plan to provide vegetated buffer to prevent direct water runoff into the lake. Mr. DeCarli stated he did not receive restoration plan, but did discuss with the applicants and their engineer the need for a 10 ft buffer due to zoning regulations. Mr. Hill further explained the need for a buffer. Chairman Wilson explained a vegetated buffer is the healthiest for the lake and in this case the net gain of the lake is beneficial with the 10ft native plantings for rain surface water to filter through. Ms. Rio discussed boxwoods as a natural vegetation. Mr. DeCarli further explained natural buffer options. Mr. Hill stated he would like to see water run off contained on site to a possible rain garden and not directly into the lake. Mr. Carter explained the grading on site

has been cut by 50% and the grade is much flatter. Mr. Hill asked for additional plans on plantings. Mr. DeCarli stated the applicants will provide a planting plan and a stabilization plan for entire property. Chairman Wilson asked if there was a previous application for drainage. Mr. DeCarli stated the only other application for this property was three years ago for a demolition permit and regrade. Chairman Wilson stated that it is important that any additional work on house would require infiltration from runoff from roof leaders. Mr. Carter stated due to financial reasons they are not adding on to home and will not pursue now. Mr. Carter stated in the future he will apply for what is needed. Mr. Hill asked if the applicant planned to build a deck. Mr. Carter stated he plans to build a same size, free standing deck that was there previously. Mr. Hill recommended the applicant add proposed deck to application. Mr. DeCarli explained the applicants should include any proposed plan over the next five years as the permit is valid for five years. Mr. Carter stated his engineer will provide deck location and a plan for vegetation. Chairman Wilson explained the applicants should add to application any proposed work they plan to do in the lake and upland review area. Mr. Hill asked if the Commission Members were fine with the sea wall location. Mr. Boule questioned the space between the sea walls and if it was access to the lake. Mr. Carter explained that area was existing and he was repairing it. Mr. Hill asked if that area was going to be gravel. Mr. Carter explained the access ramp to the lake will be rip-rap and a 4 inch blue stone. Mr. Hill stated he wanted to see plans for the access ramp. Mr. Boule asked if it was a launch. Mr. DeCarli stated it has been a launch the previous owner created. Mr. Carter stated he was trying to make the access ramp proper and safe. Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to continue Application IW-21-026: William Carter, 23 Bay Road. Construct seawall along Lake Pocotopaug. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 23 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. **Vote: 4-0**

9. New Applications: None

10. Public Hearing: None.

11. New Business: Mr. DeCarli stated the former chairman was appointed to the Commission in August 1974 and attended his first meeting February 3, 1975 – 46 years. Commission Members mutually agreed to do something to recognize his time on the Agency.

12. Old Business:

13. Public Comment: None.

14. Adjournment: Mr. Boule made a motion to adjourn at 7:21p.m., the motion was Seconded by Mr. Hill. The motion was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Guiliano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C'.

Cheryl Guiliano, Recording Clerk