

Town of East Hampton
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Regular Meeting

January 31, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

East Hampton Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Joshua Wilson, Vice-Chairman Dean Kavalkovich, Peter Wall, and Derek Johnson. Interim Town Planner, John Guskowski (Zoom). Office Technician, Cheryl Guiliano

Absent: Scott Hill

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Joshua Wilson.

2. Seating of Alternates: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Kavalkovich, seconded by Mr. Wall to approve of the December 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **Voted 4-0 in favor.**

4. Communications, Enforcement and Public Comment: None.

5. Agent Approvals: None.

6. Reading of the Legal Notice: Not required.

7. Continued Applications:

A. Application IW-23-022: Ryan Hulburt, 63 Spellman Point Rd., Pave driveway in Upland Review Area. Map 09A/ Block 70A/ Lot 35: The applicant, Ryan Hulburt, attended the meeting via zoom to present and answer questions from the members. The driveway travels down a slight hill and curves to the left as it travels further into the property. Mr. Hulburt stated he is willing to come back with more details and information for the members. The members want to see the elevation, grade, and pitch of the driveway. The members also want to see the path that run-off would take like snow and water. The grade and elevation of the property would also help to determine where and which way the run-off will flow on the property. There was discussion of the pervious surface of the paved driveway compared to the unpaved driveway. There was also a comment about the garage possibly flooding or having water leak in if the driveway were to be paved. The applicant needs to indicate where the silt fences would go on the property. The members would also look for more detailed mapping to be brought back to them along with the other requested information. Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a

motion to continue application IW-23-022 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **Voted 4-0 in favor.**

- B. Application IW-23-026:** Robert Grillo, 11 Pine Trail, Repair stone barrier/retaining wall along Lake Pocotopaug Shoreline within Upland Review Area. Map 10A/ Block 780/ Lot 5/2: The applicant and representative of the applicant attended the meeting via zoom to present and answer the member's questions. Jim Aldrich is representing the applicant for repairing the stone barrier/ retaining wall. Mr. Aldrich explained the plan is to use the existing natural stones and rocks to fortify and repair the retaining wall on the shore front. The wall has been on the property for one hundred years. A map of the property from 1971 was provided to the members to view. Mr. Adlrich explained Town sewer line are close. The applicant is hoping to make the repairs during the lake drawdown for ease of working on the wall. The retaining wall will be kept in the same foot print as it is now on the property. Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to approve of the application for the following reason: failure of wall would be determinantal to Lake and repair is warranted, with the following modification: property owner and contractor are responsible for any damage to sewer pipes per letter from WPCA dated January 25, 2024; Town Staff will inspect excavation before stone for sea wall is replaced to ensure no sewage leak was created; after construction Town Staff will confirm sea wall distance on survey have been maintained. Mr. Wall seconded the motion. **Voted 4-0 in favor.**

8. New Applications:

- A. Application IW-24-001:** West High Enterprises, 195 West High Street, Construction of a Commercial Building in Upland Review Area. Map 12/ Block 36/ Lot 3: Rob Baltramaitis, professional engineer for the applicant, attended the meeting to present and answer the members' questions. The property is 1.84 acres and recently had a residence on the property before being demolished. There is no direct disturbance to the wetlands. Proposed plans would increase pervious surface. Mr. Baltramaitis discussed proposed storm water amenities for run-off from the building on the property. He further explained the retention basin at 201 West High Street would be tied into the property. Agency Members asked for wetlands to be re-flagged as there may be changes to wetland boundaries. Members additionally requested plans for restoration and protection of the wetland areas near the site and native plantings list. Vice Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Wall seconded the motion. **Voted 4-0 in favor.**
- B. Application IW-24-002:** Paul Catalano, 33 Spellman Point Rd., Landscaping and install swim spa in Upland Review Area. Map 09A/ Block 70A/ Lot 25: Applicant Paul Catalano attended the meeting to present and answer the member's questions. Stated he has problems with growing grass in area between the deck and the shoreline. The applicant would like to add stone on top of area instead of trying to grow grass. The stone would slow the run-off heading to the lake more than having grass in the area. Mr. Catalano noted erosion and sedimentation controls during the project. He noted swim spa would 9' by 20' instead of 12' by 24' that was on application. The run-off is detained and goes into a retention system that was installed when the house was built. There is a tiered rain garden on the property that filters and diverts the run-off. The swim spa would be the

same pervious material that is already used for the patio on the property. Mr. Wall made a motion to continue the application to the next regular meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **Voted 4-0 in favor.**

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. New Business: None.

11. Old Business: None.

A. Discussion regarding activity at 33 High Point Drive: John Guskowski explained there is an application with PZC and the activity will be discussed at their next meeting.

12. Public Comments: None.

13. Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Wall seconded the motion. **Voted 4-0 in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk