

Town of East Hampton
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Regular Meeting

February 28th, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

East Hampton Town Hall Meeting Room

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Joshua Wilson.

2. Seating of Alternates: None.

3. Approval of Minutes

*A. **January 31, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 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 was not at the meeting. Mrs. Guiliano informed members the applicant submitted a map of the property that day. The members stated they have already continued the application several times. There was discussion of denying the application if the applicant persists on not attending the meetings to present to the members. *Mr. Wall made a motion to continue application IW-23-022 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0 in favor.****

*B. **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:** Robert Baltramaitis, Professional Engineer, attended the meeting on behalf of the applicant to present and answer questions. Mr. Baltramaitis explained delineation of the wetlands were flagged. He provided and discussed wetland locations. Discussed landscaping plan*

for native species to be planted. He noted retaining wall has also been added to the plan that went along with previous advice from the members. Mr. Hill expressed concern with previous IWWA approval for 201 West High Street planting plan not fulfilled. Mr. Baltramaitis replied Mr. Rand supplied planting statement and Mr. Rand believes it was completed. Commission Members briefly discussed wetlands at abutting property at 201 West High.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve 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 using the short form. For the following reason: it complies with existing conditions outlined in prior meeting. Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.

- C. 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:** The applicant attended the meeting to present and answer questions. Mr. Catalano discussed site plan. He explained the proposed plan for the area marked in yellow on the map is to remove some top soil and replace with three quarter inch stone. The area of the property has difficulty growing grass from the top soil. This causes water runoff and mud to directly infiltrate into the lake. Mr. Catalano stated the proposed blue area on map for a 19' x 8' swim spa with a 22' x 10' concrete slab underneath. It would be set closer to the home for ease of access and installation. He obtained approval from the utilities to start digging once the rest of the approvals and permits have been obtained. Commission Members discussed impervious and pervious coverages. It was suggested to have that topic on a future agenda to discuss to figure out the details. Mr. Catalano noted existing water runoff mitigation measures. *Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to approve 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 using the short form. For the following reason: improvements to the site for silt runoff and infiltration offset the minimal increase to impermeable surface. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.*

8. New Applications:

- A. Application IW-24-003: East Hampton, Public Works Dept., Replacement of Wopowog Culvert. Map 21/ Block 53/ Lot 7:** Matt Walsh, the Public Works Director, attended the meeting to present and answer questions. On February 10th, a bad storm came through the state and washed out the culvert on Wopowog Road. The entire road was lost and is currently still impassable. The department has been working with the Town Engineer to fix the situation. Kim Fletcher, Project Manager explained the proposed plan to fix the road and culvert. Proposed plan is supposed to go out to bid. The best option would be to install a single span structure of 12 feet by 6 feet concrete culvert and buried one foot with natural channel bottom material. It would be cast in place with wing walls and head walls. The bridge will be updated as well once the culvert box is installed. The town performed a 100 year storm test on the box. The applicant is hoping to have the rotary open by June. A map of the wetlands and watercourses impacts from the project construction shown and explained to the members. Site inspections will be held during the project and sediment erosion precautions will be used during construction

and installation. The members discussed erosion control measures, water flows, restoration plans and native species. *Vice-Chairman Kavalkovich made a motion to continue application to special meeting for March 14, 2024, location to be determined by Town Staff. Chairman Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.*

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. New Business: None.

11. Old Business

A. Discussion regarding activity at 33 High Point Drive: Interim Zoning Planner John Guszowski explained to the members what activity is occurring on site. Planning and Zoning Commission is still considering the matter. They requested a site plan and for a forestry specialist or an arborist to assess the site for considering a replanting plan. The specialist visited the site and discovered the clearing was more extensive than what the applicants initially represented. After talking with the specialist, Mr. Guszowski contacted the applicants and recommended that they work with the IWWA on the replanting plan. The applicants would need to come before IWWA on the matter after PZC decision. For PZC to make that decision, they require a replanting plan from the applicants and the IWWA's support of the plan. It was suggested to set up a site walk with the applicants and the agency members to see the property and get an idea for a possible replanting plan.

B. 201 West High Street for Wayne Rand: The members discussed the list of plants used in the landscaping on the property. The members asked if the applicant went along with the list or deviated. It was suggested to check the stipulations and requirements of the permit the applicant previously obtained. It was suggested to include this topic on the agenda for the next meeting so the matter can be investigated fully for the members can get all of the pertinent information.

12. Public Comments: Chuck Yenker, Chairman of the Lake Commission, wanted to make the members aware of the runoff from the apartment development near the Town Hall. The runoff overwhelms the storm drain and causes blooms and infiltration in the lake. The retention pond is under sufficient for the new developments going into the area. The members briefly discussed the development and the problems from the area with Mr. Yenker.

13. Adjournment: *Mr. Wall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk