

MINUTES
ENFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 20, 2024; 7:00 PM
Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Corbin-Sobinski called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

2. Fire Evacuation Announcement- Announced

3. Roll Call

Present: Chair Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Commissioners Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Nancy Martin, Kelly Hemmeler, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge and Alternate Commissioners Ken Kaufman and Christopher Renaud.

Also present was Georgienna Driver, Assistant Town Planner, Ricardo Rachele, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary.

4. Public Communication and Petitions

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Zorda to add January 2, 2024, meeting minutes under ‘Approval of Minutes’.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the Motion approved unanimously.

6. Minutes of Preceding Minutes

a. January 2, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Bridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zorda to approve the January 2, 2024, meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

b. January 18, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the January 18, 2024, minutes as amended to change Commissioner Martin’s name and change “accept” to “table” in relation to the approval of minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

7. Town Attorney Report

None.

8. Continued Public Hearings

None.

9. New Public Hearings

None.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

- a. IW# 695 – 50 Post Road** – Application for a wetlands permit for the installation of a detached two car garage; Donald Hayward; Applicant/Owner; Map 54/Lot 297; R-33 Zone.

Applicants were present for discussion. The proposed project area is flat with zero sloping and minimal runoff impact. A silt fence will be installed for the duration of the project. Ms. Driver noted that this is a straightforward application. The applicant explained that there will be up to six trees removed. Ms. Driver confirmed that the stumps would be removed and filled with sand and topsoil will be put in around that area. The tree removal was not on the application. Ms. Driver recommended adding an additional site-specific condition by adding the silt fence on the plan and something to indicate what trees will be removed.

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve **IW#695 – 50 Post Road** with site specific conditions that both the silt fence and the trees to be removed as well as the soil description for backfill be included on the final as-built plans.

Discussion: None.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

- b. DPN# 2024-01-26 – Map 70-Lot 11** – Request for a jurisdictional ruling for establishing agricultural crop fields; Cliff Chapman, Applicant; Mayfield Place II LLC, Owner; Map 79/Lot 11; R-44 Zone

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Higley to table **DPN# 2024-01-26 – Map 70-Lot 11**.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

12. Enforcement Reports

- a. 1700 King Street**

Mr. Rachele noted that most of the material has been moved away from the escarpment area.

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hemmeler to close the enforcement for 1700 King Street without an as-built plan.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

b. 174 Shaker Road

A soil scientist will be doing a mapping of the property. There are still trucks parked in wetlands. A formal notice will be sent out because no progress has been made.

c. 283 George Washington Road

The property has not changed. Mr. Rachele will notice the owners under a Notice of Violation.

d. 36 Mullen Road

The lumber that was improperly stored has been moved.

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion seconded by Commissioner Higley to close the enforcement for 36 Mullen Road.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

e. Yankee Casting

Mr. Rachele has been contacting DEEP with minimal response. There are still problems on the site that need to be addressed. Yankee Casting is also being reviewed for their air quality.

f. 147 Abbe Road

This is still in litigation with a possible settlement pending. There is further information provided on the Town Attorney Report.

g. 9 Manning Road

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to close the enforcement for 9 Manning Road.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

h. 348 Hazard Avenue

A new complaint was received in January and photos were included in commissioners' packets. Vehicles are still being parked in the wetlands area that were supposed to be moved. The equipment on site has been moved into the garage. The trees that were previously discussed are still there. Commissioner Martin confirmed that the extension request was received by town staff. Future site use was discussed. Commissioner Kaufman stated that during a drive-by site visit, he saw people power washing sanders and he did take a video. Commissioner Zorda

directed Commissioner Kaufman to send the video to town staff. Mr. Rachele stated that he would be back on the property to inspect it further.

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hemmeler, to grant an extension with the stipulation that storage will only be in the garage.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. **Yes:** Virginia Higley, Kevin Zorda, Nancy Martin, Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Anne Collins, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler. **No:** None. **Abstain:** None.

13. Planning Staff Report

Ms. Driver is working on an application to the agency to amend the agent approval section as previously discussed. She confirmed that the Town does not have an application as stated in the regulations about a petition to amend regulations so she will use the regular application format and make tweaks to it as appropriate. She is hoping to have it to be received at the March 5th meeting. Civic Plus access was reviewed.

14. Applications Received

- a. **IW # 696- 85 & 100 Bright Meadow Blvd and 113 Brainard Road** – Application for a Wetlands Permit for regulated activities in connection with the development of a sports complex and associated uses; Fast Track Realty, Applicant; Mass Mutual Life Ins. Co., Owners of 85 & 100 Bright Meadow Blvd, and John R. and Patricia C. Ferreira, Owners of 113 Brainard Road; Maps 35/Lots 44&220, and Map 36, Lot 237: BR and R-33 Zones.
- b. **XIW 24-01- Arbor Road, Powder Ridge Road, and Webster Road** - Application for an Agent Approval request for roadway improvements and reconstruction as part of the Enfield Roads 2021 Year 3 Hazardville West project; Town of Enfield, Applicant/Owner.

15. Miscellaneous

Chair Corbin-Sobinski shared some housekeeping rules of the commission. All motions are made in the affirmative and can be voted for or against. If a member votes against a motion, a reason must be given. Meeting attendance was discussed. Ms. Driver shared information related to the Town's GIS system. Any footage taken, whether videos or photos, should be immediately sent to Town staff by either email or in person at Town Hall. Drone footage is not allowed due to privacy laws. The commissioners and staff discussed getting badges for future site visits.

16. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion; seconded by Commissioner Zorda to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the Motion approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Higley, Secretary

Prepared by Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary