



MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2025
7:00 PM - Town Hall - Scitico Room
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Zorda called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire evacuation announcement was made.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins (via Zoom), Robert Gillespie, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Kevin Zorda

Absent: Christopher Renaud, Donna Corbin Sobinski

Commissioner Gillespie was seated as a regular member.

Also present were Assistant Planner, Stephen Hiney; and Recording Secretary, Rebecca Jones.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. February 4, 2025

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Dylan Bridge to approve the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Kevin Zorda No: None Abstain: Robert Gillespie.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. **IW# 711 – 1561 King Street** – Application for a wetlands permit to build an EV charging station with supporting café in the Upland Review Area; Bob Patrick Applicant, Alaimo Family LLC Owner; Map 17/Lot 40; BG Zone

Applicant and representative were present for discussion. This is a continuation of the last hearing. The land is currently vacant. The applicant is proposing EV charging stations with a small coffee shop for people to sit while their cars are charging. The sewer line is on the other side of the street. Water will be discharged adjacent to the wetlands. There is no direct wetlands impact. The area for the retaining wall will be graded, and a sedimentation barrier will be created. This will decrease erosion. There will be an entrance pad located near the street. Catch basin details were reviewed. Mr. Hiney explained steps that the applicant has taken to reduce inconsistencies in their application. Any unaddressed Engineering comments will be addressed during the PZC process. Commissioner Bridge asked for clarification regarding the snow removal plan. There will a snow shelf on the north side of the property. Commissioner Hemmeler asked where fill would be coming from, and Commissioner Higley confirmed that the applicant will notify town staff of any fill that comes onto site. Commissioner Zorda reviewed the planting plan.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Dylan Bridge to approve IW# 711 - 1561 King Street with conditions.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Robert Gillespie, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Kevin Zorda No: None Abstain: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. **XIW #25-02 - Enfield SouthEast** - Abbe Road, Wallop School Road - Application for an Inland Wetlands Agent Approval for roadway improvements, reconstruction, and replacement of sewer stormwater features; Town of Enfield, Applicant/Owner

Mr. Hiney presented this application. The pond located at the intersection of Wallop School Road and Town Farm Road will have silt fencing to protect during construction. Commissioner Zorda opined that the Town of Enfield has a good history of respecting the wetlands during construction.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to approve ZIW #25-02 - Enfield SouthEast.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Dylan Bridge,

Anne Whitney Collins, Robert Gillespie, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman,
Kevin Zorda No: None Abstain: None.

12. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

A. 92 Post Office Road - Scheduling a Site Walk

Mr. Hiney explained that the property owner is available during the workday for the site visit. This time does not work for several commissioners who work during the day. Commissioner Zorda suggested mid-day sometime next week due to the current icy conditions. The tentative date for the site walk is February 27, 2025 at 3:30pm.

13. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

None.

14. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

None.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Kaufman asked about the status of the draft fines ordinance. This is expected to take time due to the Town Council's schedule.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Virginia Higley, seconded: Kenneth Kaufman to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Higley
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary