

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Monday, August 3, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice-Chair Tom Archambault, Secretary Ron Wikholm, Tip Garritt, Ian Dunn, Mary Roickle

Members Excused: Carol Ann Jaswinski, William Ross

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent John Valente, Board Clerk Flo Polek

Others Present: Kevin Shortoff

Call to Order: J. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and welcomed M. Roickle to the Commission.

Roll Call-Seat Alternates: Mary Roickle was seated for Carol Ann Jaswinski.

Additions/Changes in order of Agenda:

J. Allen asked if there was changes to the agenda. J. Valente suggested moving Item 3.1 after item 1.

J. Allen approve to move item 3.1 after item 1.

1. Audience of Citizens: None

2. Old Business:

2.1 Proposed Regulation Changes -State DEEP revisions to Town of Columbia IWWC Regulations. Discuss Section 19 Fee Structure among other Sections of the Regulations.

J. Valente discussed the regulation from the State. There is a "model" regulation in which the format is the same. When the State changes a regulation, the State will tell you where the language should be inserted in the model. J. Valente referenced Section 7.10 & 7.11 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, Section 11, 1.6, DECISION PROCESS AND PERMIT, Section 4, PERMITTED USES AS OF RIGHT AND NON-REGULATED USES. He stated a Public Hearing can be set up 65 days going forward and will have to notify the State 35 days before the Public Hearing. He reviewed the fee structure with the Commission. The applicant will be responsible to post additional notices. Increase in engineering fees, environmental consultant, and/or additional fees sufficient to cover the cost of reviewing and acting on complex applications. J. Allen questioned if an individual applies for a permit, will they get the final amount due at that time? J. Valente explained that he will need to be involved with the cost of the permit.

3. New Business:

3.1 IWWC-2021-01 Application for Kevin Shortoff for activity at 64 Laurel Lane, to reconstruct driveway into a semicircle, Assessor's Map 012B, Lot 013, in the Lar Zone.

J. Allen read the application and asked J. Valente to review it with the Commission. J. Valente has been working with K. Shortoff over a month. In 1987 wetlands existed when the plan was developed to build a home on the site. There is a question as to whether there are wetlands at the site today. The wetlands are now located in place of the detention basin. The detention basin is approximately 10 to 12 feet in diameter and 4 to 5 feet deep in the area where the wetlands exist. There may have been filling when the town excavated the basin. The driveway will be going in adjacent to the wetlands and

wetlands soil may no longer exists. K. Shortoff would like to get the driveway completed by the middle of October. He stated the main reason for the reconstructing the driveway was the danger in backing out of the current driveway into the road. He would like to make the driveway a semicircle and will impact a small section of wetlands. A six-inch pipe will be installed for drainage. In front of the home, the water flows to the street, in back, water flows in the far back area of the home. The 20-yard by 50-yard will drain underneath the driveway and enters the supposed wetlands. There is a supposed wetland area where some of the drainage from the property flows. J. Valente does not believe the area is wetlands. K. Shortoff said, starting from the road there will be a driveway threshold with a 10-inch pipe surrounding by crushed stone with a settling pond, 3-feet by 2-feet lined with sediment fabric and local stone. J. Valente stated the purpose of the settling ponds in place of having a catch basin is preferable so you can have the pipes opened to be able to clean the pipes. T. Garritt asked if there was a small watershed. J. Valente explained that the surface flow is limited to one side of the driveway and there is not a lot of surface water flow during a storm. K. Shortoff said the Town would clean the organic debris in the pipe and culverts. K. Shortoff said he would reorganize the rocks and create a swale to collect any debris. J. Valente stated that the flow is all sub-surface drainage. K. Shortoff explained where the driveway threshold would be located, a 12-feet wide driveway, built to code. R. Wikholm asked what material will be used for the surface of the driveway. K. Shortoff stated the first layer would be 3 ½ minus stone, built up to processed gravel, over that will be stone dust to allow for settling over 12 to 18 months. The driveway will then be paved. J. Allen asked if the paving will be over the stone dust. K. Shortoff stated he would leave that to the experts. J. Valente stated that the proposed construction of the driveway would allow for a paved surface. K. Shortoff explained the skirt drain was installed to mitigate the water into the basement. There are 4 surface drains with sediment filtering features that will drain into a pond that will be created in the back yard.

J. Valente read the Summary Ruling for the applicant and the Commission members.

J. Allen **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the application of K. Shortoff; T. Archambault **SECONDED**;
MOTION CARRIED: 6.0.0.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

4.1 Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020

T. Archambault **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of February 3, 2020 as presented; T. Garritt **SECONDED**;
MOTION CARRIED: 6.0.0.

4.2 Special Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020

T. Garritt **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of February 18, 2020 as presented; T. Archambault **SECONDED**;
MOTION CARRIED: 6.0.0.

4.3 Special Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2020

R. Wikholm **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of July 15, 2020 as presented; T. Garritt **SECONDED**;
MOTION CARRIED: 4.0.2.

5. Audience of Citizens: None

6. Communications/Correspondence: None

7. Commission Open Discussion:

Commission members agreed to October 5, 2020 will be the the Public Hearing for proposed regulation changes.

8. Administrative Reports:

J. Valente reviewed some of the administrative approvals with the Commission.

9. Adjournment:

M. Roickle **MOVED** to **ADJOURN**; T. Archambault **SECONDED**; **MOTION CARRIED** 6:0:0
The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Flo Polek, Board Clerk. Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.