

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

SITE WALK MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2021

177 Boston Post Road

Notice of Violation – Bassett Charters, LLC. – 177 Boston Post Road, Assessor ID 187/001 – excavation and deposition of material in upland review area and inland wetland.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Samantha Marone, Mike Engels, Dwayne Xenelis, Karl Gelotte and Inland Wetland Agent Heidi Wallace

OTHERS PRESENT: Engineer Bob Doane, Mark Corrone, Mike Liddell (Paul Zabel on phone), Richard White (adjoining landowner), Ed Cassella (attorney for Richard White)

The meeting was called to order by Samantha Marone at 12:19 PM.

Engineer Bob Doane stated that he was representing the property owner, and will be evaluating the extent of activity that had taken place. Without surveying the edge of fill, Bob stated that he would not be able to ascertain, at this time, whether the distance was further or less than what was proposed, but he would be able to determine that. He acknowledged that trees were taken down, some of which had been blown down, including a three-trunk willow tree on the southeastern portion of the lot. There were other trees cut down along the edges of the property, reportedly, to protect the boats. There was evidence of activity with equipment along the west side of the property, with gravel fill compacted and an additional layer of material. Bob pointed out the tires that were seen on the surface of the wetland. The parking area had been resurfaced with gravel to prepare the boat storage area. The IWWC members were provided with plans that were approved by the Zoning Commission and accompanying minutes from the October 2018 and November 2019 meetings to eliminate confusion about what was permitted.

Bob Doane asked that the IWWC continue the discussion about this property at the February meeting to allow time for his crew to locate the edge of fill, the silt fence, and put it in on a plan to quantify the activity that had taken place. He will also have soil scientist, Richard Snarski, locate the wetland line.

The Commission walked to the southeast side of the property to see the property boundary, the location where the tree with the triple trunk had been removed, the pipe location, and area where tires had been removed. Dwayne Xenelis suggested the proper installation of silt fence, the addition of more erosion control on stable ground, and re-establishment of a boundary for erosion control. It was agreed that wattles would provide sufficient erosion control on the gentle grade.

The Commission returned to the west side of the property to view the area where an 18" pipe was completely buried. The pipe carries the drainage in a southerly direction.

Upon a motion by Karl Gelotte, seconded by Mike Engels, it was:

VOTED: To continue discussion of the activity on this property at the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2021 to allow Bob Doane the opportunity to survey the property, have the wetlands reflagged, and for the owner to install wattles in the designated area. Unanimous.

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Upon a motion by Dwayne Xenelis, seconded by Mike Engels, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 12:43 PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi K. Wallace
Inland Wetland Agent
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