

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR IWWC MEETING via ZOOM
JULY 7, 2020**

Present: Chairman Samantha Marone, Dwayne Xenelis, Karl Gelotte, Mike Engels, Vincent Neri, Bruce Chappell and IWW Enforcement Officer Heidi Wallace.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Samantha Marone.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **376 & 380 Horse Hill Road, Assessor ID Map 155, Lot 2 & 4 – application for the construction of a common driveway only to access buildable areas of possible future lots 1 & 2.**

Joe Wren, P.E. presented the application and indicated that the only difference in the site plan is the stockpile area for a future lot 1. The site contractor communicated that it would be not economically feasible to remove all the stockpile material from the site during construction, so they would like to create a stockpile in the house location of a future lot 2. Joe Wren stated that the material would all be removed by the time the driveway was completely finished.

Upon a motion by Dwayne Xenelis and seconded by Vincent Neri, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the application for 376 & 380 Horse Hill Road with the stipulation that note number 3 from the site plan be removed in favor of stockpiling materials incidental to normal construction outside the 100' wetland buffer.

2. **66 Brookwood Drive, Assessor ID Map 153, Lot 025 – renew application for the construction of a single-family dwelling with barn and in-ground pool.**

Dwayne Xenelis recused himself from this application. There are no changes proposed from the previous application.

Upon a motion by Vincent Neri and seconded by Karl Gelotte, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the renewal of the application for 66 Brookwood Drive with the same stipulations from the previous approval.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Proposed Eagle Scout Project - Brendan Daly - building a bridge in Horse Hill Woods.**

Brendan shared his presentation on screen to the Commission and stated that he is a Life Scout with a Troop in Clinton. He is proposing to build a bridge on a section of the Quinimay Trail in Horse Hill Woods. The purpose of the bridge is to allow horses, hikers and cyclists to cross the Quinimay trail. It can also be for emergency access. Karl Gelotte asked whether the placement of the bridge would alter the flow of the water or cause erosion at the footings. Brendan explained that the banks are high enough so it won't change the course of the stream. Karl Gelotte raised the question regarding the illegal use of the bridge and trail by recreational off-road vehicular traffic. Brendan stated that if off-road vehicles used the trail, that the bridge would protect brook from adverse impacts. Brendan explained that the bridge has been approved by an engineer and designed by an architect. He plans to construct the bridge between early August and September with the exact timetable dependent upon the weather and the amount of water on the site. Vincent Neri suggested galvanizing the headlock screws to prevent rust. The property is owned and maintained by the Town of Westbrook, and Noel Bishop signed the application providing consent for the project.

The Commission congratulated and thanked Brendan for his good work and presentation.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the application for the bridge construction in Horse Hill Woods as presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Regular Meeting 06/02/2020:

Heidi Wallace asked that under New Business #2, that the line reading "The proposed driveway in at last 50' away from the closest wetland" be removed as there are a few wetland crossings.

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

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the 06/02/2020 Regular meeting as amended.

B. Chairman's Comments: None.

C. Correspondence: Copy of the most recent Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.
Email from Laurene Buckowski regarding recent activity on the former Woods property.

D. Staff Report: The report was discussed.

E. Commission Member Reports: None.

F. Bills:

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

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of the following bills:

Katie Kelemen - \$121.82 (Secretarial duties for June)

Adjournment

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

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Heidi Wallace, Inland Wetland Agent