

**New Hartford Inland Wetlands Commission  
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
VIA ONLINE PLATFORM ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman James Hall, Anne Hall, Karl Hermonat, Lou Moscaritolo, Wayne Ryzner, Gerald Tabaka, Steve Unger, and Wetlands Agent Mike Lucas.

**ABSENT:** Nancy Shroeder Perez.

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The meeting was recorded digitally, and copies are available through Town Hall.

**1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**2. PENDING APPLICATIONS:**

None.

**3. NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**A. Prestige Buildings LLC – Map 044 – Block 137 – Lot 21A – 280 Main Street – 1. Reroute Storm Water Pipe Around Building. 2. Repair and Reposition Existing Sanitary Pipe.**

Attorney Tom Santoro appeared before the commission regarding this application. He explained that his family's business was attempting to solve the runoff from the roof and onto the parking lot. Attorney Santoro explained that the building was built on the slab and a culvert was installed to handle the rainwater when the building was constructed in the 1970s. He explained that the site includes a pipe from the corner of the parking lot which discharges into the Farmington River. Attorney Santoro explained that approximately ten years ago, the system began not being able to accommodate all of the rain that flows toward the culvert. After consulting with an engineer, his family was advised that the pipe was not large enough nor pitched enough in order to handle the rain during a heavy storm. Attorney Santoro described the water as backing up, creating a very large puddle preventing ingress and egress from the building without getting wet. Several times, it appeared as if the water would flow into the building. He noted that freezing of the water can also pose a hazard.

Attorney Santoro explained that he was seeking to reroute the water in the front of the building and then along the side of the building to the river. Where the water comes out, a splash pad will be installed.

Mr. Hall advised Attorney Santoro to request that his engineer review how gas or oil spills will be trapped and prevented from reaching the river.

Attorney Santoro noted that the pipe that leads to the town's sewer system was not installed below the frost line. He explained that his family would like to have this pipe dug up and reinstalled at a depth below frost.

Mr. Lucas questioned whether the work relative to the sewer would go out to the main connection. Attorney Santoro estimated the section of pipe needing work as 15'.

Mr. Ryznar questioned how deep the sewer pipe would likely need to be installed. Attorney Santoro estimated it at three to four feet. Ms. Hall recommended that Attorney Santoro's

engineer be prepared with the estimated volume to be excavated and what will likely be done with it.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hall, Mr. Tabaka second, to accept Application Prestige Buildings LLC – Map 044 – Block 137 – Lot 21A – 280 Main Street – 1. Reroute Storm Water Pipe Around Building. 2. Repair and Reposition Existing Sanitary Pipe, and because of the storm drainage into the Farmington River, in the public interest, to schedule a public hearing for January 6, 2021; unanimously approved.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity – Map 022 – Block 029 – Lot 003 – 595 Town Hill Road – Notification of Timber Harvest.**

Ms. Hall indicated that after reviewing the plans, the crossings appear to be planned according to best management practices. Mr. Ryznar agreed. Mr. Lucas noted that the forester had indicated a planned harvest of 250,000 board feet or 100 cords. Most of the harvest would be ash and hemlock, according to Ms. Hall.

The consensus of the commission was to refer this to Mr. Lucas for an agent determination.

##### **B. Approve 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule.**

The consensus of the commission was to approve the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule with meetings being held on the first Wednesdays of each month.

#### **5. MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2020:**

No action taken.

#### **6. INLAND WETLANDS OFFICER'S ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

##### **A. Agent Determination #20-10-04AD – 10/8//2020 – John F. Kearns III/Applicant – Clearlake LLC/Owner – 73 Marstan Trails – Removal of Diseased Trees.**

Mr. Lucas noted that this application was for the removal of three large dead ash trees within the 100' review area. He explained that the stumps were not removed, and the buffer area was protected.

##### **B. Agent Determination - #20-10-05AD – 10/28//2020 – Edward J. Smith/Applicant – Angela Stolfi/Owner – 102 Pond Road – Siding Repair; Repair Sheathing Below Grade, Backfill with Gravel.**

Mr. Lucas explained the work was done on the far side of the house, away from the lake, although still in the review area. He indicated that hay bales will be used just in case.

##### **C. Agent Determination - #20-10-06AD – 10/28/2020 – Edward J. Smith/Applicant – J T Smith Family Estate LLC. – 108 Pond Road – Repairs to Bathhouse Floor Frame and Floor.**

Mr. Lucas explained that the frame and flooring of the boathouse would be done with only carpentry tools and not with anything invasive to the lake.

##### **D. Agent Determination - #20-11-01AD – 11/9/2020 – Richard & Judith Abraham\ - 87 Beach Road – Installation of a Wall.**

Mr. Lucas reported that a typo read, "installation of a wall" wherein it should instead read, "installation of a well".

**E. Agent Determination - #20-11-02AD – 11/18/2020 – The New Hartford Land Trust, Inc. – 340 East Cotton Hill Road – Install Beaver Mitigation Device.**

Mr. Lucas reported that the New Hartford Land Trust purchased this property which has notorious beaver problems. They have installed a mitigation device, according to Mr. Lucas. Ms. Hall noted for the record that while she is no longer a member of the Land Trust, she is still currently on a committee associated with them. She indicated that there were pictures taken during the installation of the device. Mr. Hall indicated that Mr. Lucas verified the Land Trust had secured the proper DEEP permits for managing the beaver. He noted that the device does not harm the beaver and merely frustrates their efforts to make the dam higher.

Mr. Lucas reported the CACIWC convention was the upcoming Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and was being held remotely.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hall, Mr. Unger second, to adjourn at 7:40PM; unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela A. Colombie  
Recording Clerk**