

BRIDGEWATER
CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting
June 6, 2023, 7:30 pm
Bridgewater Town Hall, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, CT 06752

Call to Order: Chairperson Eric Vikstrom called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call and Designation of Alternates:

Present: Eric Vikstrom, Jeff Jones, Steve Berger, Paul Hines, Joe Wilcox, Ted Alt (alt), Rudy Simari (alt)

Absent: R. Miller

T. Alt and R. Simari were moved up to voting status.

Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held May 2, 2023:

J. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 2, 2023. J. Wilcox seconded. Unanimous approval.

Comments from the Public, Correspondence: none

Any Other Business Added by 2/3 Vote of the Commission:

1. #W 23-6-3 -Batista, 00 Old Town Highway, new single family dwelling. J. Jones made a motion to add application #W 23-6-3 to the agenda. S. Berger seconded. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

1. #W 23-5-1 – Davis, 19 Hambrock Lane, detached garage. J. Wilcox and R. Miller were case officers. J. Wilcox reported no concerns. J. Wilcox made a motion to approve the application (#W 23-5-1 dated 4/28/23). R. Simari seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. #W 23-5-2 – Helmy, 296 Skyline Ridge Road, dredge pond. J. Jones and T. Alt were case officers. J. Jones reported no concerns. J. Jones made a motion to approve the application (#W 23-5-2 dated 4/22/23). J. Wilcox seconded. Unanimous approval.

New Business:

1. #W 23-6-1 – Denning, 678 Main Street South, repair water wheel. Neither the applicant nor a representative were present. P. Hines and T. Alt will be case officers.
2. #W 23-6-2 – Weinstein, 70 Lake Lillinonah Road South, covered porch. Architect Daniel Conlon presented the application. In addition, underground oil tanks will be removed and a new underground propane tank will be installed. S. Berger and J. Wilcox will be case officers.
3. #W 23-6-3 – Batista, 00 Old Town Highway, new single family dwelling. Steve Batista presented the application. E. Vikstrom and J. Jones will be case officers.

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Reports of Officers & Committees:

1. WEO Report. There was no WEO report this month.

Procedural Matters & Bills:

1. Review inquiry vs. application procedure. Currently, all new construction (with a roof) requires an application be presented to the Commission. To streamline the process for applicants, the Commission will ask Russ Dirienzo, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, to determine whether a full application is needed. However, all new dwelling units still need to go before the board.

Other Business:

1. Alferi, 2 Barn Road, pond creation, project status. The Commission received a compliance report from Aleksandra Moch (Soil & Wetland Scientist) stating the pond work is complete and the original planting plan called for native shrubs be installed along the edges of the pond, but the no-mow zones and restored native meadow are valuable substitutes. J. Jones made a motion to accept the report and approve the completion of the project. E. Vikstrom seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. CT DEEP Permit Applications for Use of Pesticides in State Waters. J. Jones never heard back from DEEP. Curtis Read spoke with DEEP. He was told that if the DEEP approves the chemicals to be used, the local commission has no jurisdiction. Curtis Read suggested the board get in touch with the Friends of the Lake to pursue the matter.

Discussion (audience participation): none

Adjournment: P. Hines made a motion to adjourn. T. Alt seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Khare

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Land Use Coordinator