

**Town of Preston
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
7:30 pm
Preston Plains Middle School
Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Moulson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Regular Members

John Moulson – Chairman
Gerald Grabarek – Vice Chairman
Doug Fox – Secretary
Paul Andruskiewicz
Chuck Bartnicki
Ian Stammel
Zach Turner - excused

Alternates

Rebecca Hayes - seated
Henry Wrigley

Also Present

Len Johnson – IW Agent
Roberta Charpentier - Recorder

Chairman Moulson seated alternates R. Hayes

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022.

A motion was made by P. Andruskiewicz and seconded by C. Bartnicki to approve the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

I. Stammel and D. Fox abstained.

All other members in favor.

Motion carries.

A motion was made by P. Andruskiewicz and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022 as amended.

I. Stammel abstained

All other members in favor.

Motion carries.

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Jerry Grabarek stated the Tisbury Silt Loam has a seasonally high water table. Did you do any modeling-mottling?

3. Communications

- a) Inland Wetlands Application #2022-02, Jake Bochese, Applicant/Owner for property located at 30 Lynn Drive; Extension to existing revision with previous plot plan, IW Application #2017-12.
- b) Revised Site Plan review dated February 10, 2022 from Joseph R. Theroux, Certified Forester/Soil Scientist to IWWC regarding Bluewater Campground.
- c) CLA Engineers, Inc. Invoice #2, CL-19-5918U in the amount of \$300.00 for review of revised plans and drainage, calculations, and comment letter regarding 63 Branch Hill Road; 10 lot residential subdivision.
- d) CLA Engineers, Inc. Invoice #3, CL-19-5918W for \$540.00 for drainage review of revised plans, meeting with project engineer with comment letter for Bluewater Campground project.
- e) Email dated February 7, 2022 from Len Johnson from Steve Ballirano, Preston resident, regarding requesting a DEEP review for Bluewater Campground; A review through the Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) to determine the presence of any listed species.
- f) The Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists (CAWS) 2022 Virtual Annual Meeting to feature a morning full of engaging technical presentations on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9am until Noon.
- g) Wetlands Agent Report dated January 14 – February 10, 2022.
- h) IWWC Application Status

4. Old Business

- a) **Inland Wetlands Application #2022-01**, Timothy Bowles, Applicant/Owner for property located at 115 River Road; Existing lot with one new building lot in upland review area.

Peter Gardner presented plans and explained that the house will be built on the south wet area of T. Bowles property.

D. Fox asked what the length of the pipe is.

P. Gardner answered 26 ' of 18" plastic pipe.

D. Fox asked T. Bowles how much water passes through the wetland in the worst case.

T. Bowles answered he does not know how to quantify the amount.

D. Fox asked if it ever filled the 15" pipe.

T. Bowles answered no.

Chairman Moulson asked IW Agent Len Johnson to go look at it so the IWWC will know if they need an engineer to look at it.

- b) **Inland Wetlands Application #2021-12**, Blue Camp CT, LLC, Applicant and The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Owner for property located at 451, 455 & 495 Route 2; Development of a comprehensive luxury recreational campground.

Chairman Moulson noted that Inland Wetlands Application #2021-12 will be discussed during tonight's Public Hearing

5. New Business

a) **Inland Wetlands Application #2022-02**, Jake Bochese, Applicant/Owner for property located at 30 Lynn Drive; Extension to existing revision with previous plot plan.

A motion was made by C. Bartnicki and seconded by I. Stammel to accept Inland Wetlands Application #2022-02 for an extension to existing revision with previous plot plan.

All in favor. Motion carries.

b) Approval of CLA Engineers, Inc. Invoice #2, CL-19-5918U in the amount of \$300.00 for review of revised plans and drainage, calculations, and comment letter regarding 63 Branch Hill Road; 10 lot residential subdivision.

Tabled

c) Approval of CLA Engineers, Inc. Invoice #3, CL-19-5918W for \$540.00 for drainage review of revised plans, meeting with project engineer with comment letter for Bluewater Campground project.

A motion was made by P. Andruskiewicz and seconded by C. Bartnicki to approve CLA Engineers, Inc. Invoice #3, CL-19-5918W in the amount of \$540.00.

All in favor. Motion carries.

d) **Inland Wetlands Application #2022-03**, Sterling Aquatic

Representative of Sterling Aquatic explained that a bucket loader on a platform is used to remove plants from the shoreline and deposit them on a hill area on the property.

The equipment is designed to take up roots without disturbing the material underneath.

A motion was made by I. Stammel and seconded by D. fox to approve Inland Wetlands Application #2022-03 as of right.

All in favor. Motion carries

6. Continuation of Public Hearing

a) **Inland Wetlands Application #2021-12**, Blue Camp CT, LLC, Applicant and Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Owner for property located at 451, 455 & 495 Route 2; Development of a comprehensive luxury recreational campground.

Margaret Gibson, Preston resident stated that she wears hearing aids and has them turned all the way up but cannot hear what's being said. M. Gibson thought not having microphones is in violation of the ADA.

Chairman Moulson stated that because there are no microphones, the Public Hearing will not take place tonight, it will be continued.

Attorney Harry Heller stated for the record he will submit a written extension into the record.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by C. Bartnicki to continue the Public Hearing for Inland Wetlands Application #2021-12, Blue Camp CT, LLC until March 1st at 7:00 pm at Preston Plains Middle School.

All in favor. Motion carries.

7. Violations & Orders

None

8. Wetlands Agent Report

a) Wetlands Agent Report dated January 14 – February 10, 2022.

No comments

9. Other Matters – Public Comment

None

10. Legal Actions

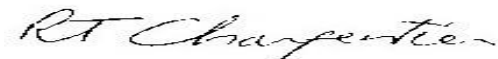
None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by C. Bartnicki and seconded by I. Stammel to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

All in favor. Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier