

**Town of Preston
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Teleconference
7:30 pm.
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
Paul Andruskiewicz
Chuck Bartnicki
Doug Fox
Jerry Morales – absent
Ian Stammel

Alternates

Zach Tarner - absent

Also Present

Len Johnson, IW Agent
Roberta Charpentier, Recorder

Roberta Charpentier stated *Per Lamont's Executive Order 7b, Participants are reminded to state your name and title before speaking. Please help us make this conference call as useful as possible by keeping your phone on mute when not speaking. We are keeping the line open to all participants by default, but if background noise becomes a problem, we will mute all participants and ask participants to use "chat" to be selectively unmuted. Also note that we will be recording this meeting to comply with open meeting requirements.*

2. Approval of Minutes

a) March 16, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes

A motion was made by I. Stammel and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

March 27, 2021 Site Walk Meeting minutes

216 Route 2A & 583 Route 164

A motion was made by I. Stammel and seconded by J. Grabarek to approve the March 16, 2021 Site Walk minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Communications

- a) Inland Wetlands Application #2021-05, Samuel & Katrina Kilpatrick, Applicants/Owners for property located at 25 Tanglewood Drive Extension; Single-family home near wetlands.
- b) Letter dated January 22, 2021 from John Moulson, Chairman, IWWC to Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, First Selectwoman, Town of Preston regarding members of the IWWC.
- c) Letter dated April 6, 2021 to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Desjardins from Len Johnson, Wetlands Agent regarding Notice of Violation.
- d) Wetlands Agent Report dated March 12 – April 15, 2021.
- e) IWWC Application Status
- f) Letter dated April 6, 2021 to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Desjardins from Len Johnson regarding Notice of Violation
- g) Letter dated April 9, 2021 to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Desjardins from Len Johnson, Wetlands Agent regarding Cease and Desist.

4. Old Business

- a) Art Moran Jr., Applicant and Debra Moran & Arthur Moran III, Owners for property located at 216 Route 2A; Showing the area of a man-made pond, wants to fill it in and make another bigger man-made pond.

C. Bartnicki noted that the only concern would be the size.

J. Moulson stated that he hasn't produced a Plan yet, he was just asking if the project was feasible.

C. Bartnicki suggested he submit an application with all the details the IWWC requires.

J. Grabarek stated he saw no evidence of a vernal pond and it appears that the IWWC would approve it.

I. Stammel stated that he agrees with J. Grabarek. It was shallow and there were no frog eggs.

J. Moulson stated that he will give the applicant a call and tell him the project is feasible but he needs to submit an application with the details.

- b) **Inland Wetlands Application #2021-03**, Maro P. Flagg, Jr. and James E. Simpson, Owners of property located at 583 Route 164; 6 lot subdivision.

Attorney William McCoy and Demian Sorrentino, Soil Scientist, Boundaries LLC were present to represent the applicants.

Chairman Moulson noted the IWWC visited the property on March 27th and looked at the proposed wetlands crossing.

J. Grabarek noted that the wetlands flagger did a remarkable job in the field because you could see the line.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by C. Bartnicki to approve Inland Wetlands Application #2021-03, Maro P. Flagg, Jr. and James E. Simpson, Owners of property located at 583 Route 164; 6 lot subdivision with a \$1,000 bond and noting that the wetlands impact is minimal.

All in favor. Motion carries.

- c) **Inland Wetlands Application #2021-04**, Mt. Kineo Builders, LLC (Robert A. Hohlfelder, II), Owner for property located at 47 Doolittle Road; Construct new single-family residence near wetlands.

A motion was made by J. Grabarek and seconded by I. Stammel to approve Inland Wetlands Application #2021-04, Mt. Kineo Builders, LLC (Robert A. Hohlfelder, II), Owner for property located at 47 Doolittle Road; Construct new single-family residence near wetlands with a \$500 bond.

All in favor. Motion carries

5. New Business

a) Inland Wetlands Application #2021-05, Samuel & Katrina Kilpatrick, Applicants/Owners for property located at 25 Tanglewood Drive Extension; Single family home near wetlands.

Samuel Kilpatrick stated that this was approved by the IWWC in 2007 and it was extended in 2012, but time has passed, so approval is needed again.

J. Moulson noted that the applicant has to wait 30 days for approval.

Len Johnson noted that a request to return the bond to Pete Schiro, 22 Branch Hill Road was inadvertently left off the agenda

A motion was made by I. Stammel and seconded by C. Bartnicki to release the \$500 bond for Inland Wetlands Application #2020-01, Peter Schiro, putting up a storage shed.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Len Johnson stated that a resident complained about fill going in the back of Roberta's Apartments. It is all tidal wetlands so the complaint goes to the State.

6. Public Hearing

None

7. Violations & Orders

a) Letter dated April 6, 2021 to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Desjardins from Len Johnson, Wetlands Agent regarding Notice of Violation.

b) Letter dated April 9, 2021 to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Desjardins from Len Johnson, Wetlands Agent regarding Cease and Desist.

L. Johnson explained there was a complaint about excavation and drainage work. He got a copy of the site plan and it is a 10.86 acre lot that is almost entirely wetlands or wetlands review, so a cease and desist was ordered.

Mrs. Desjardins was present and invited the IWWC to walk the property and stated that they are purchasing apple and pear trees.

A motion was made by I. Stammel and seconded by C. Bartnicki to have a site walk at 12 Wheeler Farm Road on May 1st at 9:00 am.

All in favor. Motion carries.

8. Wetlands Agent Report

a. Wetlands Agent Report dated February 11 – March 11, 2021.

9. Other Matters – Public Comment

Paul Andruskiewicz stated that he would like to acknowledge Rich Fleming, Preston's first Inland Wetlands Agent who recently passed away.

10. Legal Actions

None

11. Adjournment

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Charpentier
Preston Recording Secretary