INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING November 3rd, 2021

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 304

PRESENT: D. Garewski, P. LaBeau, P. Martin, S. Cider

STAFF: Garrett Daigle, Town Planner

ALTERNATES:

ABSENT: R. Carrier, P. Kilby

1. ROLL CALL

There was a quorum

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Informal Discussion - 1 Town line Road

Continuation of discussion from previous Regular Meeting on October 6th, 2021.

Town Line Road consists of a commercial condo the owners are looking to fill and pave a portion of the wetlands on site and replace the stream with 70' of pipe with a storm drain for the parking lot. Based on the current wetlands mapping, this would result in a loss of approximately 1,700 square feet of wetlands and watercourses. The owners are concerned about the open water course at the rear of the property and the potential for a child to fall in, given increased commercial activity on the site. Staff advised that the commission would most likely not be amenable to this change, given the loss of wetlands and no area for mitigation on the site. Staff questioned why the area could not just be fenced off, however, according to the property owners, it would be difficult to store snow during the winter if there were a fence in the way.

The commission will reconvene for another informal discussion in the spring with further consideration and possible solutions.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. 365 Woodford Avenue Violation

A report has been provided to the Town from the soil scientist who was present to give the report. The goal is to see some revegetation in the area which had recently been landscaped and cut with machine tools and more methodical techniques. Photos show that the vegetation has been rebounding and was presented for the commission to approve. The goal for 2022 is for the scientist to return with an updated report with a methodical approach to maintaining the growth.

A Motion was made by: P. Martin to accept the report and findings given by the scientist

Seconded by: S. Cider

All in favor 4-0 Motion Passes

5. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. MINUTES

A Motion was made by: P. Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6th, 2021 with corrections.

Seconded by: S. Cider

All in favor 4-0 Motion Passes

7. REPORTS

The Town Planner went over recent reports.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by: P. LaBeau

Seconded by: P. Martin

All in Favor 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary