

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
FRANKLIN TOWN HALL
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
Franklin, CT 06254
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Baribeault called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Baribeault, Vice Chairman Joseph LeVasseur, Don Smith. **Members Absent:** Leo Bienvenue, Secretary Niels Jeppesen. **Alternate Members Present:** Calli Carboni, Josh Devercelly. **Alternate Member Absent:** John McGuire III. **Also Present:** Wetlands Official Ron Chalecki

Chairman Baribeault seated Calli Carboni for Leo Bienvenue and Josh Devercelly for Niels Jeppesen.

2. Recognition of Visitors: Visitors sign-in sheet was available.
3. Additions to Agenda:

MOTION (1) made by Ms. Carboni **SECONDED BY** Mr. LeVasseur that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission add discussion about Town of Franklin Consulting Engineering Services

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 3, 2023:

MOTION (2) made by Ms. Carboni **SECONDED BY** Mr. LeVasseur that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission approve January 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes as amended:

- 1) Add Ron Chalecki, Wetlands Agent, as Present at the meeting

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

5. Report Wetlands Official:

FRANKLIN HILLS GOLF COURSE: Ron Chalecki indicated Boundaries Inc. believes Franklin Hills Estates & Country Club property is stabilized due to significant vegetation growth over time. Boundaries will confirm with property owner that site is stabilized and provide a closeout report for IWWC.

204 ROUTE 32: Concerns with this property continue. Telephone poles may have been pushed down the embankment towards existing pond. Discussion took place on history of violations on this property.

It was noted 1) IWWC has not lifted current cease and desist order to keep telephone poles out of wetlands; and, 2) IWWC did approve site plan compliance to seed and stabilize area in and around wetlands.

MOTION (3) made by Mr. LeVasseur **SECONDED BY** Ms. Carboni that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission schedule a Special Meeting - Site Walk February 21, 2023, 3:00 PM, meeting at 192 Route 32 regarding possible violations on 99 Route 32

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

6. Unfinished Business:

a. Approve **Revised** 2023 Meeting Schedule:

MOTION (4): made by Ms. Carboni **SECONDED BY** Mr. LeVasseur that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission approve Revised 2023 Meeting Schedule to show: "No Meeting Scheduled" for November 7, 2023

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

7. New Business:

a. **IWWC 23-01: HILLANDALE FARMS:** New Site Plan Review for regulated activity; Property located at 39 Murphy Road; Assessors Map 44 Lot 8; Zoned C-2; Existing Use of property is grain mill; Proposed Use is expansion of grain mill to promote new technology which will eliminate requirement for jackhammering & incorporate water quality treatment.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION: Mr. Bob Russo, C.S.S., CLA Engineering was present to represent applicant. Submitted Application, Site Plans dated 10/3/22, Topographical Plan dated August 2021, Project Scope Report, Statement of Use Report, State IWWC Activity Report, Drainage Calculations Hydraulics & Hydrology Report dated December 2022.

MOTION (5): made by Ms. Carboni **SECONDED BY** Mr. LeVasseur that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission accept and table Application 23-01 with no public hearing or site walk

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

b. **Town of Franklin Consulting Engineering Services:** There was discussion about the need for IWWC to consider reviewing Engineering Firms that may be utilized as peer review to assist the Wetlands Agent or Commission in evaluating the effect of a proposal / application within the Town. There was consensus to contact CLA Engineering to discuss.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Adjournment:

MOTION (6): made by Ms. Carboni **SECONDED BY** Mr. LeVasseur that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission adjourn at 8:56 pm

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Pollard,
Administrative Assistant to the Commission