

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)
Franklin Town Hall
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.,
Franklin, CT 06254**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2020, 7:30 p.m.**

This meeting was held in virtual format with connections via live stream and video conferencing.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Calli Carboni called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Members Present:** Chairwoman Calli Carboni. **Members Absent:** Vice Chairman Leo Bienvenue, Niels Jeppesen, Joseph LeVasseur, & Secretary Don Smith. **Alternate Members Present:** Raymond Baribeault, John McGuire. **Alternate Members Absent:** Pat Coleman. Chairman Carboni seated Mr. McGuire for Mr. Bienvenue and Mr. Baribeault for Mr. Smith.
3. **Also Present:** First Selectman Charlie Grant, Carly Holzschuh, Planner Southeast Connecticut Council of Governments (SECCOG).
4. Recognition of Visitors: NONE
5. Additions to the Agenda: NONE
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. September 1, 2020:

MOTION #1 (12.01.20): made by Mr. McGuire SECONDED BY Mr. Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve September 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes – as presented
VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES
7. Report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer:
 - a. **UPDATE: IWWC #20-03 Karl Margolis – VIOLATION:** Town Planner, Carly Holzschuh, has been working with Mr. Margolis on the required remediation process. She performed a recent site walk and determined Erosion and Sedimentation Controls are currently in place and will be adequate to handle the area into Spring 2021.
 - b. **Application #20-04 Hull Forest Products Inc.:** Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest; property located at Pleasure Hill Rd., Assessors Map 53, Lot 1 & 2.

The operation involves selective timber harvest with the objective to improve health and productivity of the Sugar Maple as well as salvage Ash trees in anticipation of their demise from the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products, submitted the IWWC Application and supplemental materials for the file. Generally, there will be three intermittent drainage crossings associate with the harvest along an existing network of wood roads. The crossings will be stabilized with temporary timber bridges and/or corduroy during operation and removed upon completion. All best management practices regarding timber harvesting as adopted by the CTDEEP shall be strictly adhered to.

Carly Holzschuh, IWWC Wetlands Agent, approved this application as a Jurisdictional Ruling. She previously performed a site walk on the property and reviewed temporary stream crossings, trees to be removed, and other related activities.

- c. **CROOKS:** Carly Holzschuh informed the Commission there has been a resident that showed concern that Mr. Crooks may be working within a within a wetland and/or buffer. It appears there has been some excavating, filling of wetlands, and cutting of trees. There is additional concern, Mr. Crooks may be working in the CT State right-of-way and possibly trying to connect to the state system. This type of activity would require State of CT DOT approval - encroachment permit.

Carly Holzschuh previously required Mr. Crooks provide an updated site plan showing limits of clearing, 50 foot wetlands buffer, and the upland review area. Mr. Crooks had not provided an updated site plan before continuing work in wetlands and/or wetlands buffer. If the site plan shows activity outside the 50 ft. buffer an administrative sign-off could take place. However, if this activity is within 50 feet – essentially in a wetlands, Mr. Crooks must appear before IWWC for review and approval of a permit in order to continue.

- d. **FRANKLIN HILLS ESTATES & COUNTRY CLUB UPDATE:**

Site Condition: According to our latest site inspection report from Boundaries LLC, the temporary E&S control measures are currently in good repair with ample storage capacity, and portions of the site have good vegetative cover.

Associated Billing: Carly Holzschuh sent correspondence dated October 28, 2020 informing the applicant they are responsible for paying all invoices for future on-site inspections after 0.5” rainfall events. The Town of Franklin has been contracting Boundaries LLC to inspect the site after 0.5” rainfall events and paying their invoices using a fund meant to cover *adjunct*, not regular, inspections as needed by Town Staff. Per the conditions of approval, this is a responsibility of the applicant.

8. Unfinished Business: NONE

9. New Business:

- a. Approval 2021 Meeting Dates:

MOTION #2 (12.01.20): made by Mr. McGuire SECONDED BY Mr. Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve the 2021 Meeting Dates – as amended:

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will meet the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month for the year 2021, at 7:30 p.m., at the Franklin Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, Franklin CT. 06254 - with the following exception:

- **Wednesday November 3, 2021** (not Tuesday November 2 due to municipal election)

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

- b. Approval 2021-2022 Budget:

MOTION #3 (12.01.20): made by Mr. McGuire SECONDED BY Mr. Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Line Item 1400.20 Advertising in the amount of 750.00 AND Line Item 1400.40 Town Planner in the amount of \$5000.00

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

10. Correspondence: NONE

11. Report of the Chair: NONE

12. Public Comments: NONE

13. Adjournment:

MOTION #4 (12.01.20): made by Mr. Baribeault SECONDED BY Mr. McGuire that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pollard

Land Use Administrative Assistant