

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)**  
Franklin Town Hall  
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.,  
Franklin, CT 06254  
**MINUTES**  
**April 5, 2022, 7:30 PM**

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This meeting was held in virtual format with connections via live stream and video conferencing.  
(These Minutes are "Unapproved". Approval/action takes place at the next Board meeting held and will show changes/ corrections if any)

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1. Call to Order: Chairman Raymond Baribeault called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Baribeault, Leo Bienvenue. **Members Absent:** Secretary Niels Jeppesen, Vice Chairman Joseph LeVasseur, Don Smith. **Alternate Members Present:** John McGuire III. **Alternate Members Absent:** Calli Carboni.

Chairman Baribeault seated Mr. McGuire for Mr. LeVasseur

2. Recognition of Visitors: Chairman welcomed visitors. Sign in sheet provided.
3. Additions to the Agenda: Add Discussion IWWC Election of Officers – Agenda Item 7.d.
4. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. February 1, 2022:

**MOTION #1** made by Leo Bienvenue **SECONDED** BY John McGuire that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve February 1, 2022 Minutes – as amended:

1. Spelling Correction to "Calli Carboni" throughout minutes
2. Public Comments: fourth sentence changed to read:  
"Mr. Bienvenue believes that after the October 19, 2021 meeting, Mr. Baribeault **"does"** revert back to an alternate member and no longer holds the office of the Chairmanship and cannot be voted as Chairman"

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

5. Report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Carly Holzschuh informed IWWC there may be a wetlands violation at 204 Route 32. If confirmed, IWWC cease and desist process will be started.
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business:
  - a. **IWWC 22-02 JOSEPH RANDAZZO:** New Site Plan Review for Regulated Activities; Property located at Southeast Corner of Route 32 & Route 207, Assessors Map 53, Lot 12-42 & 12-43; Zoned C2; Existing use of property is vacant land, proposed is new gas station w/parking & warehouse / office building with units for lease.

**APPLICANT / PRESENTATION:** Wes Wentworth was present and reviewed Application materials as submitted. Site Plan reviewed dated 01.27.22. Stormwater Management Report dated 02.26.22.

**IWWC REVIEW:** Discussion including, but not limited to, wetlands disturbance areas, driveway location in proximity to wetlands and corner of fueling canopy in proximity to wetlands. There was consensus the Towns' Consulting Engineer, Towne Engineering, review application materials. Discussed the relevance of IWWC Regulation Section 9.1 - Public Hearings.

**MOTION #2** made by John McGuire SECONDED BY Leo Bienvenue that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:30 PM at Town Hall

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIES**

- b. **IWWC 22-03 SOUND PETROLEUM:** New Site Plan Review for Regulated Activities; Property located at 532 Pond Road, Assessors Map 53, Lot 12-45; Existing use of property is vacant land, proposed is propane storage tanks, detention basin & outlet, wet pond & outlet, filling & excavation w/in 50' upland review area. No direct impacts in wetlands.

**APPLICANT / PRESENTATION:** Wes Wentworth was present and reviewed Application materials as submitted. Site Plan reviewed dated 01.21.22. Stormwater Management Report reviewed dated 02.23.22.

**IWWC REVIEW:** Discussed (not limited to) locations of the pad for above ground propane storage tanks in proximity to wetlands, concerns of pollution from potential spill with storage tanks, railroad spur construction area, function of systems for receiving materials & off-loading material into trucks, storm water-management plan, wet-pond with dry hydrants, and erosion and sedimentation plan. There was consensus the Towns' Consulting Engineer, Towne Engineering, review application materials.

**MOTION #3** made by John McGuire SECONDED BY Ray Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses table Application #22-03 Sound Petroleum

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIES**

- c. **IWWC 22-04 AARON NASH:** Revised Site Plan Review for Regulated Activities; Property located at 16 Kahn Rd., Assessors Map 34, Lot 10; Existing use of property is residential, proposed is construction of 960 sq. ft. out building with concrete foundation.

**APPLICANT / PRESENTATION:** Mr. Nash reviewed application materials as presented including site plan dated 3.4.22. Building is to be used as storage workshop with electrical only.

**IWWC AGENT COMMENTS:** Wetlands are higher in elevation away from activity within a wooded area. Proposed activities and location will have no impact to wetlands.

**MOTION #4** made by John McGuire SECONDED BY Leo Bienvenue that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Aaron Nash, Revised Site Plan, as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIES**

- d. Election of Officers:

- After IWWC October 19, 2021 meeting, Mr. Baribeault should revert back to an alternate member and no longer hold the Chairmanship
- Mr. Baribeault acted as Chairman at meetings after the October 19, 2021 meeting
- An alternate member cannot be voted as Chairman
- Mr. Bienvenue believes the Board of Selectmen must appoint IWWC members as permanent members prior to such person being elected an officer

**MOTION #5** made by Ray Baribeault SECONDED BY John McGuire that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve the Board of Selectmen to seek Legal Counsel opinion on this matter

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIES**

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Report of the Chair:

- DEEP's Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program is reactivated
- Free, online training program was custom built to allow municipal inland wetlands agencies and staff to carry out regulatory and training requirements of Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (IWWA).
- Training program consists of 8 modules and is designed with text and video content, interactive activities, and module assessments to allow you to review and digest material at your own pace.
- It is strongly recommended that all new municipal inland wetlands agency members and staff complete the training program
- Training program is being offered through partnership with UConn CLEAR. To register, please see ["CT DEEP Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program"](#)

10. Public Comments:

11. Adjournment:

**MOTION #6** made by Leo Bienvenue SECONDED BY John McGuire that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIES**

Respectfully submitted,

***Sherry Pollard***

Land Use Administrative Assistant