

*****APPROVED *****
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WINDSOR INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2019 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WINDSOR TOWN HALL

Chairman Lou Morando called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I. Roll Call (Remind people to silence cell phones.)

Present: Chairman Lou Morando, Secretary Marlene Towers and Commissioners Ruth Jefferis, Richard Williams, James Walton, Steven Fraysier, and Adam Schibley. A quorum was established.

Absent: Commissioner Vice Chairman Paul St Amand, and Kevin Washington.

Also present was Wetlands Agent Tom Hazel.

II. Public Communications (3-minute limit on items other than Public Hearings)

Public communications open at 7:01.

There were no comments from the public.

Public communications closed at 7:01.

III. Minutes

Commissioner Schibley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for June 4, 2019. Commissioner Jefferis seconded the motion. The commission voted 6-0-1 (Commissioner Towers Abstained) to approve.

IV. Business Meeting

- A. **New Business** - Application 19-102_96 Carriage Way – Willard and Patty Kopatz – Construction of a single family home with associated infrastructure on an approved flag lot. Christian Alford a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor from 200 Pigeon Hill Road Windsor was present to present the application and give a description of the work to be performed. The lot was described as a 7 acre parcel made up of mainly wetlands with a small area in the south west corner of the parcel that sits higher and is adequate to build a home. Mr. Kopatz being present as well stated that it would be a house on slab due to its proximity to the wetlands. Mr. Alford spoke to the history of this parcel. During the construction of the subdivision which this is a part of the parcel did have some dumping of fill and debris. It has been put forth that as part of the mitigation for the direct wetlands impact of a section of the drive way that they clean up some of this debris and turn it back to wetlands habitat. The Wetlands Agent had stated in staff comments presented to the commission that he was concerned about the mitigation

offset calculations. The direct impact to the wetlands totals 2,900 Sft. and the mitigation area is 1,450 Sft. and the applicant has not provided the full wetlands environmental report describing this process in detail. The commission deliberated about the application and the lack of this report. The question of public concerns were asked of the Agent. The agent stated that he had not heard from anyone and that a field visit has yet to be performed but would be before the next meeting. The commission feeling that there are some unanswered questions and details missing about the nature of the impact that it would be important to have a public hearing to allow abutters concerns be answered and to have the application be fully available to the public.

Commissioner Jefferis made a motion for application 19-102_96 Carriage Way – Willard and Patty Kopatz – Construction of a single family home with associated infrastructure on an approved building lot, Seeing that there could be significant impacts to the wetlands that the application be accepted and held for a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 4, 2019. Commissioner Schibley seconded the motion, the vote was 7-0-0.

IV. Public Hearing – None

V. Miscellaneous - None

VI. Authorized Agent Actions - None

VII. Agent Report

VIII. Petitions from Commissioners

The commission asked about the recent water quality issues in town in regards to the PFAS spill and the notice about Rainbow Reservoir. The Wetlands Agent updated the commission in regards to the PFAS spill first. Stating that some information that had been published has been misleading and that it was most likely due to the slow output of information from DEEP and that the information provided to the town through various meetings and public forums was more fact base. There was declining levels in the water column and things were getting back to normal levels. Local well testing was being performed and that biological testing was ongoing and would take more time. As for the reservoir, a notice was posted due to a natural blue green algae bloom caused by recent warmer air temperatures, a rise in water temperatures, and a lack of rain. This issue should resolve itself as temperatures decrease and the inflow of fresh waters increase.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Towers moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Commissioner Jefferis seconded. All seven commissioners voted yes.

I certify that these minutes were approved on

Marlene Towers, Secretary
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission