

**EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2020  
Remote Participation by ZOOM due to Covid 19  
6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Gary Upton, Phyllis Berger, Rosemary Ostfeld, Theodore Koch, Kristin Chantrell, Don Phimister, David Schmitt, Jason Deeble, Alt.

**Also Present:** Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning/Inland Wetlands Agent, Jennifer Lindo, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order:**

G. Upton called the meeting to order at 6:06 He explained the rules for participation in the remote ZOOM meeting. The materials for the applications are on the town's website.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting started at 6:02

**I. PENDING APPLICATIONS**

- I. **Creek Road, Giants Neck Heights Club House, and 21 Marshfield Rd**, Your Brothers Keeper LLC, Agent for Owner for a Permit to conduct regulated activity at Creek Road and 21 Marshfield Rd for the clean out of a culvert entrance and exit to maintain the natural flow of water. East Lyme Assessor's Map 04.7, Lot 18 and 19.

G. Goeschel read his memo dated August 6, 2020. He strongly recommended the removal of phragmites which are highly invasive and the short term impacts associated with the work should not create adverse impacts. G. Goeschel stated that phragmites sometimes need an herbicide and if the applicant decides to use a herbicide, a licensed applicator should be used.

The applicant has done their due diligence and they want to clear the drainage ditch to restore the natural flow through the ditch.

Brian Kennedy, applicant informed the agency that a landscaper has been contacted to plant the recommended vegetation where the phragmites have been removed. The tarp over the pulled phragmites will be regularly inspected for new shoots.

**MOTION: (Upton/Schmitt) to approve the application of Creek Road, Giants Neck Heights Club House and 21 Marshfield Rd. to clean out culvert entrance and maintain the natural flow of water and to mitigate the phragmites. Vote: APPROVED. In favor-Upton, Ostfeld, Koch Chantrell, Phimister, Schmitt. Opposed-Berger. Abstaining-none.**

The agency inquired about the area by the bridge which had been cleared. G. Goeschel informed the agency that he has referred the matter to the zoning official.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Chantrell/Schmitt) to adjourn at 6:26. Vote: APPROVED unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

**FILED**

Aug 12 2020 AT 2:35 AM/PM  
(Sue Spang)  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK