

EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2021

Remote Participation by ZOOM due to Covid 19

7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Don Phimister, David Schmitt, Phyllis Berger, Kristin Chantrell, Doreen Rhein, Jason Deeble, Alt.,

**Absent:** Gary Upton, Sandy Gignac, Marjorie Meekhoff

**Also Present:** Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning/Inland Wetlands Agent

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting started at 7:01

FILED

May 13 2021 AT 12:25 AM/PM  
*Karen Thelma*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

I. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-none

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS-none

III. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

Barbara Johnston told the Agency to keep up the good work.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021

MOTION: (Deeble/Schmitt) to approve the April 12, 2021 Regular meeting as presented.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

V. EX-OFFICIO REPORT-no report

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application to conduct regulated activities, including but not limited to clearing and grading and the construction of a driveway extension to access a new proposed single-family dwelling by J. Robert Pfanner, PELS, for Owner, Daniel Gjergiai, at property located at 29 Rocco Drive, East Lyme, Assessor's Map 44, Lot 19-14.

R. Pfanner, for the applicant gave an overview of the proposed project. He said it is a wetland crossing of a seasonal brook about 50 feet in from the existing driveway. There will be minimal disturbance and no adverse effects according to the wetlands scientist he hired.

The lot is large, and the applicant is proposing one house on the top of the hill. There are several wetlands on the property as well as a lot of ledge.

There will be a 36" pipe for drainage under the driveway. The work is planned for the summer as the stream does not flow during that time. The crossing will be 48' from headwall to headwall. The sides will be graded to the natural slope of the land and seeded. The septic is placed at the bottom of the hill as most of the property near the house is ledge. The septic pipe will run under the driveway to the system.

The Agency will take up the application at the next meeting and decided that the activity did not warrant a public hearing.

VII. PENDING APPLICATIONS-none

VIII. OLD BUSINESS-none

IX. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report-no report

**B. Inland Wetlands Agent Report**

**Administrative Permits:**

G. Goeschel reported he is investigating a possible enforcement action on Herster Drive. The amount of permits he is reviewing in the first quarter of the year will equal the previous year's total, almost quadrupling the amount of permits due to the increased upland review to 300'. G. Goeschel stated that due to the increase in permits it is generating increased revenue for the town.

P. Berger asked G. Goeschel if the permits he has approved could be attached to the agendas in the future.

P. Berger asked for the site walks to be more organized and to share cell phone numbers for easier communications.

The possible signage addition to the Inland Wetlands regulations was discussed. G. Goeschel informed the members that the Zoning Commission is considering a text change to their signage regulations and suggested they wait for that new language.

**Commission-Issued Permits-none**

**C. Enforcement-none**

**D. Correspondence-none**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (Schmitt/Berger) to adjourn at 7:40. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Sue Spang**

**Recording Secretary**

**2021 Meeting dates:**

**June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 18, November 8, December 13.**