

**EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**EAST LYME TOWN HALL, MAIN MEETING ROOM**

**Present:** Kristen Chantrell, Doreen Rhein, Phyllis Berger, Sam Simms, Don Phimister (7:25), Gregory McIntire (7:16), Lenard Salter, Nancy Kalal Alt., Diane Gardner, Alt., Carlo Lombardo Alt.

**Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Gary Goeschel, Director of Planning/Inland Wetlands Agent, Ann Cicchiello, BOS liaison,

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting started at 7:00

**FILED**

June 14, 2022 AT 11:36 AM/PM

Brenda Stewart ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE:**

The Pledge was recited.

**II. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

Lindsay Rush, 15 Grassy Hill Road, Assistant Professor of Biology, Mitchell College is concerned about a 5 acre property which is adjacent to property recently purchased by the East Lyme Land Trust. She has noticed perk test which were conducted and questioned whether a permit was obtained from the Commission. She also informed the members that the understory of brush has been cleared. She stated the clearing of the understory is within 56 feet of the wetlands and there are no E&S controls. There is a for sale sign for the lots on the property. Her concern is that the property contains the headwaters for Latimer Brook and Cranberry Bog Brook.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS-none**

**IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**A. Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** (Simms/Berger) to approve the May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.

**Vote:** APPROVED. In favor-Chantrell, Berger, Simms, Salter, Gardner. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Rhein.

**V. EX-OFFICIO REPORT:**

Ann Cicchiello reported that the town's budget has passed. Some of the ARPA funds have been used to buy composting toilets for the Hole in the Wall area. The negotiations are still under way for the Hathaway property and are being discussed in executive session.

(G. McIntire arrives)

The members asked if A. Cicchiello had pursued the matter of parking the school buses at the new public safety building and the police chief responded that it was not possible. She will continue to investigate a new place to park the busses.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Request of Robert D. Pfanner, Jr., for James Barone, Owner, for an extension of time of two years to complete the regulated activities in Permit 12-8 associated with the**

**construction of a driveway at 120 Old Black Point Road, James Barone and Lisa Quinn, Owners.**

G. Goeschel informed the members he spoke to M. Zamarka, Town Attorney, and was informed the request for an extension was submitted in a timely matter and can be renewed. The area is in a vegetative state and is stabilized. Most of the proposed work has been done and the utilities still need installation.

**MOTION: (Rein/Salter) to extend the permit of for James Barone, Owner, for an extension of time of two years to complete the regulated activities in Permit 12-8 associated with the construction of a driveway at 120 Old Black Point Road, James Barone and Lisa Quinn, Owners, with an expiration of May 7, 2024. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**B. Request of James Beaulieu, for Giants Neck Improvement Club, Inc.; for an extension of permit 16-9, Mamacock Rd GNB, for activity around the Upper Nehantic Lake as noted on the permit.**

G. Goeschel he spoke to Mark Zamarka, town attorney, who advised the request for an extension was submitted too late. He said that after speaking to J. Beaulieu, it is his understanding that what they want to do is routine maintenance to the pond.

J. Beaulieu gave an extensive history of the upper pond and the hydrology of it. He said that in a letter to the association it stated the pond was to be maintained as open space with a walking path around it and the pond maintained. He stated he is proposing clearing out invasive plants and getting a downed tree out of the pond.

G. Goeschel read section 4.4-2 of the regulations concerning maintenance of a wetlands and what activities are permitted as of right.

Berger recuses herself

L. Gardner was seated for Berger

**MOTION: (Salter/Rhein) proposed activities are found to be exempt according to section 4.4-2 of the regulations. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

Berger is reseated

**VII. PENDING APPLICATIONS-none**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS-none**

**X. REPORTS**

**A. Chairman's Report:**

K. Chantrell stated she reached out to DEEP to request more frequent monitoring of Bride Brook considering the recent and new activity in the area.

**B. Inland Wetlands Agent Report**

**i. Administrative Permits & Commission Issued Permits**

G. Goeschel detailed permits he has issued.

**ii. Enforcement-**

G. Goeschel detailed enforcement actions he has taken.

G. Goeschel responded to the activity addressed during public comment. He said he did issue a permit for test holes and limited clearing. He will verify the distance of the clearing

to the wetlands. The Planning Commission has not heard an application for a subdivision on this lot and the property owner cannot sell a lot that has not been approved as a building lot.

**C. Correspondence-none**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (Berger/Simms) to adjourn at 8:09. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary**

**2022 Meeting dates: July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6.**