

**EAST LYME INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

EAST LYME TOWN HALL, MAIN MEETING ROOM

Present: Don Phimister, Phyllis Berger, Gregory McIntire, Diane Garner, Alt.
Absent: Kristen Chantrell, Doreen Rhein, Leonard Salter,
Also Present: Gary Goeschel, Wetlands Officer, Ann Cicchiello, BOS liaison
D. Garner was seated.

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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting started at 7:01

I. PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE:
Recited

II. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

Michael McCormac, 10 Brookfield Dr., said 8 Brookfield Dr. has seen many changes in the last few years. The wetlands area a valuable resource and the stream on 8 Brookfield flow into Latimer Brook. He said the property should be restored to its previously undisturbed state.

M. McCormac said one of the perk test pits was previously filled and he does not understand how you can get an accurate reading from an area that has been filled. In 2016-2017 many trees were taken down and replaced by cranberry trees.

There will be an increase in impermeable surfaces with a house and driveway which will add to the flooding issues the area receives during heavy rain events. M. McCormac noted that nobody knows where his well is so he is concerned where a septic system on 8 Brookfield which will not impact his well.

Matt Guarraia, 6 Brookfield Dr., said the development of 8 Brookfield is a neighborhood problem with the potential for flooding several properties. He spoke about the inaccurate information given by Ian Cole at the last meeting and cautioned the Commission about the dishonest information given.

Michael McCormac, 10 Brookfield Dr., mentioned a large log pile that the town took pictures of in late August.

Dottie Bearse, 9 Brookfield Dr., said she has lived across from 8 Brookfield Dr. for 50 years and has seen the brook come over the road from Latimer Brook during heavy rain events.

Nancy Harwood, 7 Brookfield Dr., has lived there for 52 years has seen the stream flood the street and the culvert is clogged which makes it worse.

Eric Ingmundson, 13 Brookfield Dr., shares the neighbor's concerns. In August 2021 there was a significant rain event and Latimer Brook came 50 ft. closer to his foundation.

Michael McCormac, 10 Brookfield Dr. said if this property was developed it would be one more septic system and one more potential failure.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: none

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023, Special Meeting

MOTION: (McIntire/Berger) to approve the October 12, 2023, Special Meeting as presented. VOTE: APPROVED unanimously.

V. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Anne Cicchiello informed the Agency the BOS would be reappointing members whose terms are up in January. Once reappointed they should go and get sworn in at the Town Clerk's office. She noted that Sam Sims and Nancy Kalal both won their seats on other boards and have resigned from the Inland Wetlands Agency.

The BOS approved a Human Services Department.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2024 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: (McIntire/Berger) to approve the 2024 meeting dates as presented/amended.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

VII. PENDING APPLICATIONS-none

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations

G. Goeschel has distributed the final draft to all members and will get it to any new members.

IX. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report-no report

B. Inland Wetlands Agent Report-

i. Administrative Permits & Commission Issued Permits

G. Goeschel provide a record of permits issued from 6/20/2023 until 11/30/2023.

ii. Enforcement-

G. Goeschel reviewed the list of enforcement actions.

- He reported that 8 Brookfield Dr. soils looked good to Ledge Light for a septic system. He expects the property owners to submit an application in the beginning of 2024.
- 14 Park Lane may have to be referred to the town attorney.
- 9 Rocco Dr. will be submitting a plan, the site is stable.
- 29 Rocco Dr. has asked for the bond to be released. The Agency discussed it and thought that the project is not complete according to the permit issued, they suggested the release of the bond prorated based on the amount of work completed.

MOTION: (McIntire /Garner) to release the Cease and Desist for 218, 222, 226 Flanders Rd., Assessor's Map #26.1 Lots # 23, 24 and 26 Niantic, Connecticut-Monaco Ford, Respondent. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

iii. Correspondence:

Resignation letters from S. Sims and N. Kalal.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Berger/McIntire) to adjourn at 7:58. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

2024 Meeting dates: January 16, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 4, December 3.