

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Town of Granby

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Nicholas Dethlefsen, John Laudati, David Tolli, Susan Okie, Vickie Dirienzo, and Aurelle Locke

ABSENT: Fred Jones

ALSO PRESENT: IWWC Agent Kate Bednaz and Land Use Coordinator Renee Deltenre

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Action on the minutes of April 12, 2023

Upon review of the minutes, D. Tolli questioned whether a motion was made pertaining to agenda item #4a and stated that agenda item #8 needed to address that the conducted activity was not a violation of the IWWC regulations, while A. Locke had questions regarding agenda item #7. The Commission concluded that town staff will review the recording and make the appropriate changes for consideration at the next regular meeting.

ON A MOTION by A. Locke seconded by J. Laudati, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to defer action on the minutes to the next regular meeting.

3. Permit Requests

a. 31 Peck Orchard Road – A. Tkaczuk – Permit modification to adjust footprint of previously approved home and remove underground propane storage tank within a regulated area. Agent Approved 04.28.23.

K. Bednaz provided an overview of the prior approval and the recent changes requested by the applicant.

b. 215 Salmon Brook Street – Town of Granby – Permit application to replace the sanitary sewer pump station within a regulated area.

Town Engineer Kevin Clark and DPW Director Kirk Severance were present to discuss the application and answer any questions the Commission had. The town is looking to replace an existing, failing pump station at Salmon Brook Park where the pump chamber was installed in 1974. The project includes relocating the new pump chamber closer to the existing parking lot in order to achieve the highest elevation possible and installing a new force main that will connect just downstream from the existing pump chamber. During an investigation, it was discovered that the joints within the existing gravity line beneath the parking lot are failing, which will require a trench to be cut in order to install new conduit for the control mechanisms. K. Clark discussed the pump chamber removal process and stated that the town is looking to complete the project in the fall. K. Bednaz and the Commission discussed the application and the potential for a public hearing.

ON A MOTION by J. Laudati seconded by V. Dirienzo, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to receive the application and schedule a public hearing for June 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

c. 50 and 50A Edgerton Road – J. Mercandante – Permit application to construct a single-family home and associated improvements within a regulated area.

Applicant representative Mark Reynolds, P.E. from Dutton Associates, LLC, was present to discuss the application and answer any questions the Commission had. The property owners are looking to construct a 1,700 square foot single-family home at the rear of the property with a septic system to the back (northeast) and well to the side (west). The proposed fifteen-foot-wide driveway would be constructed on the adjacent parcel to the west known as 50A Edgerton Road for 175' then curve right onto 50 Edgerton Road. When the subdivision was approved in 1997, an ingress/egress easement was established for access. Soil Scientist Scott Stevens was hired to delineate and map the wetlands boundaries.

Approximately 329 square feet of wetlands disturbance will occur at the front left corner of the property for the construction of the driveway. The current wetlands system drains northeast to southwest across the parcel and exits to the other side of the road through an existing culvert. M. Reynolds provided an overview of the tree clearing area, erosion and sediment control measures, site characteristics, etc. K. Bednaz and the Commission discussed the application and determined that further information is needed. The application was continued to the next regular meeting so that the applicant could provide a wetlands soils report and mitigation plan from the Soil Scientist, include the option for E&S logs on the drawings, and determine if the driveway will be gravel or paved.

4. Agent Report and Correspondence

K. Bednaz informed the Commission that Tilcon, located at 536 Salmon Brook Street, has fulfilled the requirements outlined in their Enforcement Order (EO). It was recommended that the Commission release the EO on the property, and a draft letter was provided for review and consideration.

ON A MOTION by A. Locke seconded by V. Dirienzo, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to release the Enforcement Order on the property located at 536 Salmon Brook Street.

5. Commissioner Reports and Correspondence

V. Dirienzo had questions regarding the small repair shop located at 369-371 North Granby Road. K. Bednaz informed the Commission that the business owner is currently in violation of their zoning approval and town staff has been in contact. The deadline for compliance is May 31st. K. Bednaz provided a brief overview of the wetland system on the property and discussed the potential for an Enforcement Order by the Commission if compliance is not achieved.

6. Adjourn

ON A MOTION by V. Dirienzo seconded by S. Okie, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Deltenre
Land Use Coordinator