



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Inland Wetlands Board

APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES

May 12, 2022

Members present: Susan Baker, Vice chair, David Smith, Tracey Miller, Chris Phelps.

Member Absent: Patricia Sesto, chair; Alan Pilch, secretary; Tim Bishop.

Also present: Andrew P. Hally, wetland agent; Aarti Paranjape, office administrator; Steve Trinkaus, David DeCamillo, Robert Jewell, Kate Throckmorton, Steve Sullivan, Jack Kace, Conservation Commission; Kitsey Snow, Conservation Commission; Mr. Flashner.

I: Call to order

Ms. Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II: Applications for Discussion:

- 1. (Contd.)IW-22-17, 1 Kingswood Place**, Summary Ruling application for construction of new garage, enlargement of driveway and mitigation plantings within the upland review area of wetlands. *Owner: Anthony & Jessica Quattrochi. Applicant: Steven Trinkaus.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/86705>

Mr. Trinkaus gave an overview of the project, which involves a 2 car garage addition at the west side. The driveway is proposed to be enlarged. Some existing pavement will be replaced with lawn. Stormwater system is placed on the east side which collects the runoff from the roof. There is an existing catch basin and the roof runoff will be directed towards the catch basin. A pipe on the south side of the house passes parallel to wetlands. There is no direct discharge into the wetlands. At the north side of Ashbee lane is a corrugated pipe which goes under the road and directs into the brook.

The erosion control plan has double row of silt fence with the construction entrance marked. No grading is involved other than for driveway.

Ms. Miller suggested native ground cover of carex along the west side where the pipe is discharging parallel to the wetlands between flags 12- 13.

She asked if the applicant has contacted DEEP for NDBB database.



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Mr. Trinkaus stated he has contacted DEEP and is waiting for the response. However Mr. Danzer who did the wetlands delineation didn't notice any critters.

Ms. Baker suggested to demarcate the Conservation easement with the placement of boulders between the flags 1-2 and flags 5-6.

Following special conditions were stated:

- Six boulders (total) to be placed along Conservation easement, three between flags 1-2; and three between flags 5-6.
- Fifteen sedges along the outflow on the pipe near wetlands flags 12-13.
- Get a report from DEEP and follow recommendation from NDBB database.

Ms. Miller Motioned to approve the Summary Ruling application with special conditions stated above along with standard conditions. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Publication date is May 19, 2022 and effective date is May 20, 2022.

2.(Contd.) IW-22-8, 56 Shadow Lake Road, Summary ruling application for the corrective action involving grading and improvements within the upland review area. *65 days to render a decision is April 30, 2022.Extension granted until May 12, 2022.Owner/Applicant: David DiCamillo..*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/86073>

Mr. DeCamillo updated the members with the submission of the survey showing the existing conditions. The survey showed the boulders placement. Mary Jaehnig performed the wetlands delineation.

The Board members expressed concerns that the placement of boulders doesn't show how the wetlands will be protected. Discussion ensued and the members suggested a fifteen-foot buffer planting of native plants around the wetlands and placing the boulders in front of the boulders demarcating wetlands buffer area and protecting the buffer. They stated that no machinery should be used in the wetlands area to move the boulders.

Ms. Miller asked to submit the photographs of the property to get better view as the survey doesn't show the topographical view. She also suggested asking Ms. Jaehnig about plantings and if the wood chips can be removed and the best time to do the removal.

Discussion continued to June 23, 2022. Applicant will grant the extension until June 23, 2022.



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3. IW-22-18, 132 Main Street, Summary Ruling application for installation of the Stormwater Management system within the upland review area of the wetlands. *Owner: The Keeler Tavern Preservation Society Inc. Applicant: Robert Jewell.*
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/86682>

Mr. Jewell gave an overview of the history of the Keeler Tavern. He briefed the members on the proposed project, which involves expanding the parking spaces and installation of a stormwater system to address the increased impervious surface.

Ms. Throckmorton stated that the north east side of the property has approximately 1800 square feet of pocket wetlands which primarily function as stormwater recharge and sediment retention. The site slopes from south west corner towards wetlands and a pipe underneath the driveway drains to the Norwalk river. The proposed basin is in the existing lawn. The wetlands has existing tree canopy and mid story shrubs. The mitigation plan will include the control of invasive porcelain berry.

Mr. Sullivan gave an overview of the proposed expansion and reconfiguration of the parking areas, driveway and walkways. The proposed increase to impervious is 0.9 acres. The proposed stormwater system is in the existing lawn. The runoff from the new driveways and parking spots will be captured. There are two pipes, which discharge into hydrodynamic separators for pretreatment and then discharge into forebays. The outlet control is the catch basin system; the peak runoff attenuation is reduced in the 100 year storm event. Erosion measure proposed has double row of silt fence with silt sacs installed. The stockpile area is marked along with the construction entrance.

Ms. Throckmorton stated the planting plan proposes a meadow area at the area below the stormwater basin with minimum disturbance. The plantings include grouping of native shrubs. The basin will be seeded and sediment blanket will be placed. The stormwater system will be a benefit to the wetlands and wetland systems.

Ms. Miller suggested planting of eight *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry) to define the wetlands edge.

Ms. Baker inquired if there will be standing water at the base of the basin and expressed concerns with the mosquitos and danger to children, she suggested a safety fence around the standing water basin. Mr. Sullivan agreed a fence will be a good protection to keep people away.

Following special conditions were stated:

- Safety fence around the retention basin in the upland review area.
- Additional 8 winterberry along the wetlands boundary.



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- Language stating that meadow will be maintained and mowed twice a year.

Ms. Miller Motioned to approve the Summary Ruling application with special conditions stated above along with standard conditions. Mr. Phelps seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Publication date is May 19, 2022 and effective date is May 20, 2022.

4. IW-22-19, 162 Old West Mountain Road, Summary Ruling application to correct a violation of cutting and depositing cut trees/ branches within wetlands and upland review area of wetlands. *Owner/Applicant: Martha Rogers and Richard Cavett, Trustees.*
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/86880>

Applicant was not present.

Members stated that the applicant provide following information before the next meeting:

- A survey showing the property boundary along the open space.
- Map of survey showing the trees (downed/ debris) in the area of concern.
- Wetlands delineation of the subject area, flagging clearly the wetlands.
- Check with DEEP for NDBB database.

Mr. Kace stated that Conservation contacted the legal counsel to discuss the matter regarding open space and the View easement, which Homeowner states they have on record.

Mr. Flashner asked if the town will propose cleaning and restoring the area aesthetically.

Discussion continued to May 26, 2022.

III: Application for Receipt:

1. IW-22-20, 112 Bennetts Farm Road, Plenary Ruling application to replace pipe including removal of existing 48" CMP and stone headwalls with a new 4'x6' box culvert, wing walls and associated planting. *Owner: Town of Ridgefield. Applicant: Jake Muller. For receipt and scheduling a sitewalk and public hearing.*
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/82155>

Mr. Smith Motioned to receive the above application. Ms. Baker seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Sitewalk scheduled at June 05 and Public Hearing on June 09, 2022.



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IV: Other Business:

1. Rainbow Lake Sediment removal. % Douglas Carroll.
Mr. Carrol was not present.
2. 76 Tally Ho Rd: IW-22-30- Release of Bond.

Mr. Hally briefed the Board that applicant has decided not to continue the work of constructing the Pool. The contractor doing the work is not available to start the work until next year, and the homeowner finds it financially not feasible.

They would like the bond posted to be released.

Mr. Hally said that he has put the building permit on hold for his approval and if in future the homeowner decides to continue the project, they will have to post the bond before the commencement of any work.

Ms. Miller Motioned to release the bond. Mr. Phelps seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

V: Approval of Minutes:

- **Inland Wetlands Meeting:** April 28, 2022

Mr. Smith motioned to approve the meeting minutes for IWB as amended.

Ms. Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0-0.

VI. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Ms. Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aarti Paranjape
Recording Secretary