



## TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Inland Wetlands Board

### APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES

September 08, 2022

Members present: Susan Baker, vice chair; Alan Pilch, secretary; Tracey Miller, Chris Phelps, Tim Bishop

Member Absent: Patricia Sesto, chair; David Smith,

Also present: Andrew P. Hally, wetland agent; Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary; Gene Nazzarro, John Doyle.

#### **I: Call to order**

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

#### **II: Application for Discussion:**

- 1. (Contd.) IW-22-23, 131 Seth Low Mountain Road,** Summary Ruling application for violation of excavating, grubbing and filling within the wetlands and a corrective application involving remediation including planting and stabilization.  
*Owner/Applicant: Lee Bussinger.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/87072>

Applicant was not ready for presentation. Extension was granted until next regular meeting.

- 2. (Contd.) IW-22-26, 66 Keeler Drive,** Summary Ruling Application to a correct a violation which includes to dredge pond and install stone retaining walls around perimeter, install new weir, restore other work within the upland review area of Wetlands.*Owner: Alexandre Suter. Applicant: Mike Mazzucco.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/87703>

Applicant was not ready for presentation. Granted extension until next regular meeting.

- 3. (Contd.)IW-22-27, 40 Mountain Road,** Summary Ruling application to correct a violation of installing a patio within wetlands and upland review area of wetlands.  
*Owner: Pilar Magrigal. Applicant: Robert DeRoma.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/87687>



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Applicant was not ready for presentation. Granted extension until next regular meeting.

4. **IW-22-28, 35 Griffith Lane**, Summary Ruling Application for additions, construction of deck and removal of shed within the upland review area of wetlands. *Owner: Rohit & Neesha Mathur. Applicant: John Doyle. For receipt and scheduling a sitewalk and discussion.*

<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/87767>

This item was heard after Item #5 as applicant was not present.

Mr. Doyle gave an overview of the project. He said that the Survey from RKW showed wetlands. He contacted Mary Jaehnig who confirmed and flagged the wetlands. The proposed addition which includes addition to garage and a deck is in upland review area. The shed is in wetlands and will be removed. If it is relocated, it will not be relocated in the upland review area.

Ms. Baker inquired how the shed will be removed.

Mr. Phelps suggested to remove the shed during winter month when the ground is frozen and using the rollers and laying plywood will cause least disturbance.

Mr. Doyle commented and agreed that he will look into the suggestions and will commence the removal in the winter month.

Ms. Miller inquired that once the shed is removed, is any buffer plantings proposed.

She also stated that the site is in National Diversity Database (NDBB) and that Ms. Throckmorton should have some suggestions addressing the site, and why it is in the database.

Mr. Doyle agreed that he would contact Ms. Throckmorton for the plantings where the shed would be removed.

Members agreed that the restoration plan should be included once the shed is removed.

Mr. Pilch suggested extending the planting near the wetland flag which is close to the lawn. A buffer planting will be helpful.

The discussion continued to next meeting:

The applicant will update the following information:

- Planting plan to mitigate the area where the shed would be removed.
- Contact DEEP with the NDBB database.
- Planting buffer between the wetlands and the lawn.



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5. **IW-22-33, 86 Barry Avenue**, Summary Ruling Application pond dredging and associated work within the wetlands. *Owner: Robert & Linda Magni. Applicant: Gene Nazzarro. For receipt and scheduling a sitewalk and discussion.*  
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/88130>

Mr. Nazzarro gave an overview of the application. He stated that the existing pond is being dredged, the invasive phragmites will be removed. All material will remain onsite if there is room or excess material will be removed from the site. The work will include dewatering bags; the plantings will include the native plantings. Approximately 300 cubic yards of material will be excavated.

Mr. Bishop inquired in the event of storm what is the backup plan to protect the catch basins. He asked about planting plan which includes hydrophytic plants. And would any chemicals be involved.

Mr. Nazzarro stated he will stop the dredging during a storm.

Mr. Pilch inquired how much is the depth of the spoil material deposited out of the pond. He also asked how deep the excavation. He asked if the proposed check dams are permanent and if any more native stones will be used.

Mr. Nazzarro said that the temporary berm will be at the edge of the pond with the excavated material and then spread and reseeded. The excavation is limited to clean the phragmites and remove the sediments. He confirmed no chemicals are used. Currently there are no hydrophytic plants present in the pond and nothing is proposed.

He added no riprapp is proposed. The approach is to reconstruct the channel by removing the loose sediments.

Ms. Miller inquired about the buffer plantings. She noticed the current plantings around the pond are good and they should be replaced back along with some more buffer.

Mr. Nazzarro stated that the plan is to replace the plantings around the pond and MS. Throckmorton will propose more robust planting. He added the buffer of fifteen feet will be difficult given the tightness around the pond. He said a buffer of 8-10 feet will be feasible.

The following special conditions were stated:

- Buffer plantings of ten feet at the south side will include native facultative plants

**Mr. Bishop Motioned to approve the Summary Ruling application. Ms. Miller seconded it. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**The publication date is September 15 and the effective date is September 16, 2022.**

### **III: Application(s) for Receipt:**

**None**



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### IV: List of Ongoing Enforcement by Agent:

- Mr. Hally updated the Board that he visited the site at 32 Beaver Brook. The homeowner is in the process of submitting an application, but the process is slow as the communication is via the counsels on both sides.
- 21 Bryon Avenue violation is still dealing with the FOIA request. The violation part is in slow progress due to the FOIA.

### V: Other Business:

Ms. Miller inquired about the status of 20 Regan Road Bond release.  
Mr. Hally updated that he has contacted Mr. Mazzucco who is working on the fixes to the culvert. Mr. Hally is waiting for a few documents which will be submitted by the builder.  
Ms. Miller confirmed that the bond will not be released until the conditions are met.  
Mr. Hally stated that Board still holds the bond.

### VI: Approval of Minutes:

- **Inland Wetlands Meeting:** August 25, 2022

**Mr. Bishop Motioned to approve minutes. Ms. Miller Seconded. Mr. Bishop Abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.**

- **Sitewalk Minutes:** August 28, 2022

**Mr. Pilch Motioned to approve minutes. Mr. Bishop Seconded. Mr. Phelps Abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.**

### VII: Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Ms. Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aarti Paranjape  
Recording Secretary