

APPROVED/REVISED  
MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING

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August 28, 2018

Present: Robert Cascella  
George Hanlon  
John Katz  
Charles Robbins  
Rebecca Mucchetti, Chair  
Joseph Fossi, Vice Chair  
Joseph Dowdell

Absent: Mark Zeck  
Tim Dunphy

Also Present: Richard Baldelli, Director, Planning and Zoning  
Beth Peyser, Inland Wetlands Agent  
Karen Greene, Recording Secretary

At 7:30 PM Chairman Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

**Item I: #2018-059-SR:** Summary Ruling application under Section 7.6 of the Town of Ridgefield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations to remedy a violation including site stabilization of previous excavation work and stormwater erosion and renovation of existing pond and premises at the property located at **27 Richardson Drive** in the RAA Zone.

Owner/Applicant: Cory & Jamie Neas. For receipt and discussion.

Also Present: Brian Nesteriak, B&B Engineering  
Authorized Representative of Corey and Jaime Neas  
(Property Owners)

Mr. Nesteriak gave a presentation noting the following:

Mr. Nesteriak was retained in early June, along with a soil scientist, to engineer a plan to stabilize the site and mitigate stormwater damage to his clients property so that future problems would not occur.

- The outlet consisted of a 6inch vertical pipe. Mr. Nesteriak felt in order to drain the pond during this high flow event, that a 24inch pipe would allow for a better flow
- Design – reinforce the berm around the downhill side, install a proper outlet control structure which is essentially a catch basin but has modifications. Its designed at specific elevations and has an orifice on the side that allows water through during low flow events.

- This will be connected to a 24inch pipe that goes down to the bottom of the filled slope.
- The pond is designed to convey the 100year storm. The storm that occurred in April technically was only a 2-5year storm, 3.35 inches in 24 hrs.
- Proposal to lift up and widen the berm making it compliant DEEP standards. Install the outlet control structure and clean up the swale.
- Armor some of the areas that have eroded away above the pond, once all has been stabilized.
- Need more time with Mr. Buccetti and Mr. Fisher to finish the plans. It is only technical in nature and will not change the intent of the plan
- Agreed upon to have all done by October 31<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Nesteriak, as well Mr. Neas

Chair Mucchetti and the Agent recommended plantings to create a riparian buffer. Mr. Nesteriak stated that the intention was to stabilize the pond edge with NE wetlands grass seed mix but that his client was open to any suggestions.

Beth Peyser, Inland Wetland Agent, noted for the record that statutorily the IWB cannot render a final vote until 14 days following receipt of a wetlands application, which would be September 11, but that the Board could move forward with draft resolution of approval, and approve temporary measures to stabilize the site to be effective immediately.

**John Katz motioned, second by Joseph Dowdell to have the Inland Wetland Agent draft a resolution of approval, and to approve immediate temporary stabilization measures in consultation with the Agent. Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**John Katz motioned, seconded by George Hanlon to schedule a special meeting for the Inland Wetlands Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried 7- 0.**

With no further comments, the Chair closed the Special Meeting

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Greene  
Recording Secretary