

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION &  
INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MINUTES  
February 9, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Moeling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Moeling would be acting Chair for this virtual meeting.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Cherichetti took the roll call.

**PRESENT:** John Moeling; Ed Holowinko; Steve Klocke; John Levin; and Cheryl Brown.  
Alexis Cherichetti, staff.

**III. RECEIPT & DISCUSSION**

a) **#S20-563 – 57 Noah’s Lane Ext. - Sijuwade** – Installation of on-site septic system, patio, shed, retaining wall, fence and paths in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti noted though this is technically the receipt date, the application was filed less than the two-week prior to receipt deadline, so she had not yet had the opportunity to review the application. The applicants would attend the next meeting and make a brief presentation.

**IV. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION**

a) **#S20-560 – 15 Adams Lane – Dean** – Corrective Action restoration and replanting of wetland and upland review area of a wetland and watercourse

Mr. Moeling began with discussion regarding the recent photos of the site by Mr. Levin and the presence of a stump grinder on the property. Ms. Cherichetti noted they had also cleared trees outside of the upland review area and could use the grinder on those trees.

They discussed the scope of the vegetation clearing at the site. Ms. Cherichetti displayed site photos she had taken in the fall of 2020.

There was further discussion regarding the adequacy of the mitigation plan, in particular the extent of native seed mix seeding and the number of trees proposed.

Mr. Levin expressed his concern that this was aggressive and extensive clearing and that the owner was disingenuous when the owner stated it was done without his knowledge.

Mr. Klocke asked about the restoration of the wetland and upland review area and if what was proposed was adequate. He summarized the discussion and noted the applicant should provide clarification regarding the extent of proposed seeding and consider additional shade trees to better restore the area closest to the wetland.

b) **#S20-562 – 761 Main Avenue -** Construction of a new multi-family residence, with associated on-site septic system, stormwater management and landscaping, adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti stated she had met with the applicant and DPW to discuss the stormwater management plan. She noted the applicant was working on revising the site plans and would return at the next meeting.

Ms. Cherichetti asked the Agency to consider adding an item to the agenda. A proposal at 5 Singing Woods Court needed to have its permit need assessed.

- \*\*\* **MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA.**
- \*\*\* **MS. BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. DETERMINATION OF PERMIT NEED**

a) **5 Singing Woods Court** – Construction of new single family residence and associated features  
Ms. Cherichetti explained the three tiered permit application system and noted sometimes there is project that does not clearly fit in one of the tiers. She noted application level is generally determined by both the proximity of the activity to the water resource and the scope of the activity. For this project, the limit of disturbance would be 70 feet from the pond and there would be some grading within the 100-foot upland review area. However just uphill of the 100-foot upland review area the scope of work is significant. The property in question is currently a vacant lot. A new residence is proposed on the slope between the road and the pond.

Ms. Brown noted the extent of grading on the slope was sufficient concern to require an application before the Agency.

Mr. Moeling had questions regarding the landscaping plan and the maintenance of a buffer adjacent to the pond.

Mr. Klocke thought the activity could be covered by a Minor Permit application, however the extent of a permanent buffer at the pond had to be clarified.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. February 9, 2021 minutes

Ms. Moeling suggested minor corrections.

- \*\*\* **MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.**
- \*\*\* **MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Cherichetti noted the Commission has always been quite relaxed about officers and their election. A nomination committee has never been formed. She noted that any member can make a nomination.

- \*\*\* **MR. MOELING NOMINATED MR. HOLOWINKO TO SERVE AS CHAIR AGAIN.**

Mr. Holowinko expressed gratitude, but noted the current digital meetings are very difficult to hear.

- \*\*\* **MS. BROWN NOMINATED MR. MOELING TO BE CHAIR.**

He accepted. There was consensus among all present to elect Mr. Moeling Chair.

- \*\*\* **MR. MOELING NOMINATED MR. KLOCKE TO BE VICE-CHAIR.**

Mr. Klocke accepted. There was consensus among all to elect Mr. Klocke Vice-Chair.

**VII. COMMENTS OF STAFF**

**VIII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS.**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\*\* **MR. KLOCKI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\*\* **MS. BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.