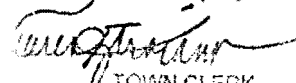


Town of Stafford  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 16, 2019  
7:00 p.m. – Warren Memorial Town Hall

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Members Present: John D. Wilson, Acting Chair  
Tom Topping  
Dave Smith  
Kurt Mordasky  
Hickory Lake  
David Belcher  
David Mordasky, alternate

Also Present: Charles Callahan, applicant  
Joseph Cermola, Cardinal Engineering  
Public

#### REGULAR MEETING:

#### **AGENDA**

1. Call to order.
2. Establish a quorum.
3. Review minutes of September 25, 2019 – Special Meeting
4. Application of Charles Callahan to build a retaining wall at 27 & 29 Lakeshore Boulevard
5. Application of Town of Stafford to reconstruct Williamson Road Bridge submitted by Cardinal Engineering
6. Adjournment

#### **1. Call to order.**

John Wilson, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **2. Establish a quorum.**

John Wilson established a quorum with John Wilson, Acting Chair; Tom Topping, Dave Smith, Kurt Mordasky, Hickory Lake, and David Belcher, and seated new alternate member David Mordasky for Barry Locke.

#### **3. Review minutes of September 25, 2019 Special Meeting.**

Kurt Mordasky made a motion to approve the September 25, 2019 Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Tom Topping. Kurt Mordasky, John Wilson, David Belcher and Tom Topping all voted in favor. Dave Smith, Hickory Lake, and David Mordasky abstained. Motion carried.

John Wilson noted the phenomenal job Tractor Supply did with plantings and with responding to the problem.

**4. Application of Charles Callahan to build a retaining wall at 27 & 29 Lakeshore Boulevard.**

Charles Callahan attended the meeting with his family. He said he purchased 27 Lakeshore Boulevard and took over the reconstruction and redesign of the home. He then also purchased 29 Lakeshore Boulevard. He said he saw how eroded the waterfront was with its uneven embankments and total disrepair and he talked to David Perkins, ZEO and to Dr. David Mordasky about dropping the reservoir to do improvements on the properties to abate further erosion and stop more sediment from coming in. He would like to start work as soon as possible.

Charles Callahan said they are in the process of removing the building at 29 Lakeshore Boulevard. Dave Smith noted that the map they have indicates a retaining wall there. Charles Callahan said it is just part of one. He said if you look at the other side of the banking, you would see a short stone wall. The rest is in disrepair. He said he wants to straighten the line between his neighbors on either side---the Goodwins and the Beaudoins. He wants to have an approximately five foot wall installed at an angle but straight in back so ice doesn't creep up. Dave Smith said depending on the work required, he may need to get a building permit. Charles Callahan said he will if David Perkins requires it.

David Mordasky said he has been looking at doing a wall at his property at 19 Lakeshore Boulevard. He said the lake was drawn down about four years ago, but there was a question about who is responsible for that process, whether it is Tyco, the Selectmen's Office, or the Highway Department. It ended up falling under the purview of Rick Zulick, then head of the Highway Department, but because of the rain, the lake level never got down low enough to do the work. He said he understood that they can only draw the lake down so far, because it would otherwise negatively impact Tyco's sprinkler system. David Mordasky said that with Rick Zulick now retired, he wasn't sure who they need to talk to about it, noting other projects need to be done as well.

John Wilson said he will inquire with the Selectmen's Office. He said they need to be able to get the lake low enough or work cannot be done. Dave Smith said he thought the annual fall draw down was supposed to be an opportunity for all lake residents to do maintenance work. He said he has no objection to Charles Callahan installing a bulkhead and his only concern is that he let David Perkins know if he cannot do it or needs to do more. David Mordasky said they talked about using mafia blocks but feels that will not be a sufficient solution for any long period of time, and he would need to put in a footing.

Kurt Mordasky made a motion, seconded by Dave Smith, to approve the building of a retaining wall at 27 and 29 Lakeshore Boulevard. All were in favor.

**5. Application of Town of Stafford to reconstruct Williamson Road Bridge submitted by Cardinal Engineering**

Joe Cermola of Cardinal Engineering gave a presentation on the plans to replace the Williamson Road Bridge at the junction of Route 30 and Williamson Road. He said it is an eighteen foot wide road with an existing steel springer bridge with masonry abutments. He noted the embankments are sloughing off into the water. Joe Cermola said about a year ago, it

was restricted to one-way traffic. The State has granted the town 50 percent funding, so this will help with the costs.

The intention is to install a twenty foot wide box culvert. The existing span is sixteen feet. He said it is designed to meet 100-year storm requirements. This is on a dead end road and they will need to stage it to maintain traffic flow. Therefore, there will be a bypass system during construction and the road will shift five to six feet to the north. Stage one will be the north side, and stage two will be the south side.

Joe Cermola reviewed wetlands impacts. The total impact will be about 1,400 square feet, with about 800 square feet of permanent impacts. He said the project has been reviewed by the Fisheries Commission of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). He said they commented and made recommendations. The Department of Transportation and Army Corps of Engineers have also reviewed the project. He said they have applied for a PCN permit through the Army Corps of Engineers.

Joe Cermola said one concern of Fisheries is that they maintain a natural culvert, and they will be overseeing the placement of boulders to maintain fish habitat. Streambed material will also be removed and replaced. Controls will be monitored so there will be no unnecessary disturbance of wetlands.

Tom Topping asked what the specific permanent impacts would involve. Joe Cermola said by shifting the road to accommodate staging, they will have to fill some wetlands area. He said they expect the entire project to take about three months.

Dave Smith made a motion, seconded by Tom Topping, to approve the reconstruction of the Williamson Road bridge as presented. All were in favor.

**6. Adjournment.**

Hickory Lake made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kurt Mordasky. All were in favor.

The October 16, 2019 meeting of the Stafford Inland Wetlands Commission was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Gentile  
Recording Secretary