

Town of Stafford
Inland Wetlands Commission
Special Meeting
September 16, 2020
7:00 p.m. – Stafford Community/Senior Center

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Christina Talamini
TOWN CLERK

Members Present: John D. Wilson, Acting Chairman
Tom Topping
Kurt Mordasky
David Belcher
David Mordasky, alternate

Also Present: David Perkins, ZEO
Alicia Corsini, Office Manager Building Department (attended remotely)
Jason Talamini, applicant

REGULAR MEETING:

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Establish a quorum
4. Review minutes of August 19, 2020.
5. Wetlands application by Jason Talamini – Restore pond, owner: Jason Talamini, 25 Furnace Hollow Road.
6. Wetlands application by Town of Stafford, CT – Clean out detention pond, Emil Paciga, 162 Monson Road.
7. Adjournment

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

3. Establish a quorum

John Wilson established a quorum with John Wilson, Acting Chair; Kurt Mordasky, David Belcher, Tom Topping, and he seated alternate member Dr. David Mordasky for Hickory Lake.

4. **Review minutes of August 19, 2020.**

David Mordasky made a motion, seconded by Kurt Mordasky to accept the August 19, 2020 meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Wetlands application by Jason Talamini – Restore pond, owner: Jason Talamini, 25 Furnace Hollow Road.**

Jason Talamini, the applicant, said he would like to clean out his pond and repair the spillway. He plans to remove silt and put it on the north side of the pond. He said the spillway is leaking and the pond is trickling through, so it will need just a little concrete repair. He provided pictures.

David Perkins said his concern was that there wasn't a lot of space for the amount of soil coming out to place on the bank. He may need to pull back, make a pile and truck it away. He said he expected about a couple of hundred yards would need to be taken out. Jason Talamini agreed saying he expected it to be a slow process and that he would have to reassess in the spring. He said he planned to do some excavation around the site.

David Mordasky asked where the silt is coming from. Jason Talamini said there is a brook that feeds the pond on the far end and the runoff is going through the spillway. He said the back portion has sand from the brook and he plans to change the grade of that one slope to reduce runoff. He anticipates he will stockpile the silt on the bank, then let it dry before removing or grading. He said he will also put down hay bales for erosion control.

David Perkins asked if the pond had ever been maintained. Jason Talamini was unsure but that he has been there twenty years and never did any soil work, so it is overdue. David Perkins also asked how much water is there in the springtime. Jason said there is very little.

David Perkins asked if the dam is a classified dam. Jason Talamini said it was and that he knew the State had been involved with it in the past. David Perkins said, in that case, he should contact the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to find the history of the dam maintenance. They will want to weigh in on the dam. However, he said it is clear Jason Talamini is not constructing a new pond, and not diverting any water. He said Rick Corsini plans to take the silt and add it to his pile off site.

John Wilson stressed that whenever any sediment is taken out, it cannot be left in any wetland. He asked David Perkins to take a look at the job when it gets started. David Perkins said he would. He said this is a regulated activity, but it does not require a Special Public Hearing.

David Belcher made a motion, seconded by Tom Topping, to accept the wetlands application of Jason Talamini to restore the pond at 25 Furnace Avenue as discussed, with the requirement that he contact the State DEEP regarding the work on the dam. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Wetlands application by Town of Stafford, CT – clean out detention pond, Emil Paciga 162 Monson Road.**

David Perkins, on behalf of the Town, said the application is to clean the silt out of the pond and drainage area on Monson Road and the end of Diamond Ledge Road. This is for sand and silt from storm water drains that have deposited into the retention pond. He said the removed

material will go to the transfer station for drying, screening, and future use. Basically, it is a maintenance issue.

Kurt Mordasky made a motion, seconded by David Mordasky to accept the wetlands application by the Town of Stafford to dredge the retention pond and drainage area on Monson Road and the end of Diamond Ledge Road, stockpiling the spoils at the transfer station for drying, screening and future use. All were in favor. Motion carried.

David Perkins provided an update on wetlands issues. He said he approved administratively a house to be constructed on Furnace Avenue where a barn had previously been taken down. The property owner wanted to build closer to the road to stay out of the 100 foot buffer zone due to the wetlands in back, but that would have required a steep driveway with ten foot high retaining walls. He recommended they move the house back some.

David Perkins said he is still waiting on a remediation plan for the Williamson Road bridge. He said he has also been pursuing Tractor Supply's consultant, George Logan, about the plantings. They were supposed to be completed a year ago in October. He said he just received a plan last week and will follow up. The erosion control fencing is still on the site. David Perkins said he suspects that ownership of the Tractor Supply is being sold, as he recently received an inquiry about code violations. The Town is still holding the Tractor Supply bond.

7. Adjournment

Tom Topping made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kurt Mordasky. All were in favor. The September 16, 2020 meeting of the Stafford Inland Wetlands Commission was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Gentile
Recording Secretary