

Town of Stafford
Inland Wetlands Commission
Special Meeting
August 4, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Veterans' Meeting Room

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David Perkins
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Members Present: Barry Locke, Chairman
John D. Wilson
Hickory Lake
David Smith
David Belcher
Tom Topping

Also Present: David Perkins, ZEO
David Mordasky, alternate
Russell Vibberts, Jr., applicant, 1 Standish Drive
Joseph LaPre, 3 Standish Drive
Jason Parker, contractor

AGENDA

1. **Call to order.**
2. **Establish a quorum**
3. **Review and take possible action on application for 1 and 3 Standish Drive and cease and desist order.**
4. **Adjournment**

1. **Call to order.**

Barry Locke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Establish a quorum.**

Barry Locke established a quorum with Barry Locke, Chair; John Wilson, Hickory Lake, David Smith, David Belcher, and Tom Topping.

3. **Review and take possible action on application for 1 and 3 Standish Drive and cease and desist order.**

Since the previous meeting, Russell Vibberts and Joseph LaPre submitted a letter dated July 26, 2021 along with additional information including a copy of the filing of the Inland Wetlands Permit, the contractor's diagram and explanation of the work completed and pending, photos of the work completed and explanations of the pending work and work not completed, and the original site map of the subdivision.

David Smith confirmed with the applicant that nothing had changed since the IWWC last met. He asked about the source of the water that is getting into the basements.

Joseph LaPre said there is a discharge going out from a catch basin that the town had recently installed. It was blocked up and they were trying to free it up. He said the water used to drain under his backyard and that was supposedly corrected by the town. David Perkins noted the plunge pool moved 30 feet closer to Russell Vibberts' house.

Jason Parker said he will regrade the 60 to 80 feet of forest ground before it gets to the swamp. David Perkins asked if there will be anything going on top of the riprap. Jason Parker said no, there would be no fabric. He said the volume coming off the new drain is a lot more and the riprap will allow the water to pass through. He said the old drain went from 8 inches to 2 feet.

Russell Vibberts said the town repaved Standish Drive and put in new catch basins. Jason Parker said all the water now goes right to that storm drain.

Joseph LaPre said he had geysers and sinkholes when he bought the house and nothing was ever done to accept the volume of water going into the trench. He said their efforts were simply to try to help the town with the problem.

Russell Vibberts said that years ago there was a situation where there was a flow of water under Whipporwill that went into the wetlands. Joseph LaPre said that flow got blocked and the water level rose. He said his, Russell Vibbert's, and another resident's basement ended up getting flooded. Joseph LaPre said there are also drains off of Whipporwill that feed in and are raising the water level. He said they need a lot more help from the town to completely rectify the situation.

John Wilson said he understands what was done and why it was done. He made a motion to accept Russell Vibbert's application for the work done and for the completion of the work the contractor is to do. He emphasized that no spoils from the trench are to get into the wetlands.

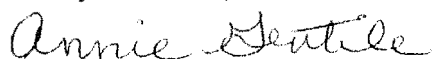
Hickory Lake seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried. Barry Locke asked that the applicant be sure to keep David Perkins involved.

4. **Adjournment**

Hickory Lake make a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Topping. All were in favor. Motion carried. The August 4, 2021 Special Meeting of the Stafford Inland Wetlands Commission was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Gentile
Recording Secretary