



TOWN OF OXFORD
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Conservation Commission / Inland Wetlands Agency

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The **Regular Meeting** of the Oxford Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency was held **Tuesday, April 25, 2023** Regular Meeting Members of the public can meet at at the S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall, 486 Oxford Rd, Oxford, Connecticut 06478 and held in Room B.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairwoman Susan P. Gibbons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Sue Purcella Gibbons and Commission Members Joe Lanier, Andrew Ferrillo Jr. and Commissioner Brian Smith

STAFF: Enforcement Officre Michael Herde & Administrative Secretary Denise Randall

ABSENT: Commissioner Ethan Stewart

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS (NOT FOR PENDING APPLICATIONS):

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

(IW 23-4) **Samir & Susana Fattah, 95 Freeman Road**, (Map 12, Block 50, Lot 6) (Proposed Residential garage/barn, indoor pool, house addition) (Upland Review area impact = 21,408) (Check received for impact to URA = \$3,430) Mr. Trinkhauser did an environmental review.

The applicant was not present. Commission chose to table until the next regular meeting on May 9th

OLD BUSINESS:

RE-APPLICATION:

NEW APPLICATIONS REQUIRING OCCIWA APPROVAL (ACCEPTANCE):

CORRESPONDENCE:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES & AMMENDMENTS/CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES (IF ANY)

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Discussion on 415 Roosevelt Drive property.

Enforcement Officer Herde explained: The owner was in the process of enjoying his waterfront view and built some masonry stairs without a permit. I put a halt on it and the zoning officer said the same thing to the owner. At my suggestion, I served him a written violation, not a full blown cease & desist but I told him to hire a surveyor to establish the flood height and come to our next regular meeting. It is a gravelly soil but it is under the definition of flood plain and is in a spot where the side of the river is quite vertical. I had the town engineer come out and he agreed.

Mr. Fabry: I phone a Mr. D'Amico and just haven't been able to get a hold of him. I stopped by his office as well, but he was not there. I am waiting to hear from him so I can hire him. I am here to make it right.

Chairman Gibbons stated: Ok, so we have a plan and we will wait to hear from you by the next meeting.

Enf. Officer stated: If you need me to come out there once you make contact with Fred, let me know.

COMPLAINT/CONCERN:

REPORTS ON SEMINARS, INSPECTIONS, and OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED OR ATTENDED NEWSPAPER ITEMS & P & Z MINUTES:

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN & OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS:

OTHER:

- Discussion on the 2023 budget
- Discussion on Town Wide Clean-up

APPLICATIONS NOT REQUIRING OCCIWA APPROVAL & PERMIT APPROVALS:

MATTERS OF VIOLATIONS/LITIGATIONS:

48 Jacksons Cove Rd- Cease & Restore letter sent in December of 2020.

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(IW 21-10) Cornerstone Assembly of God, Inc., 656 Oxford Rd, Oxford (Map 19, block 28, Lot 10,13,22) proposed use = New Church & parking, Total size of site 16 acres (Total acres of wetlands= 3.77 acres) (wetlands impact = 0 acres) (Upland review area impact = 78,780 sq. ft.) (amount of material removed= 2,455 c.y.) (Deposited= 5,055 c.y.) Summons received

NOTICE of Cease & Desist – 17 Fiddlehead Rd. (Clear cutting of trees and excavation performed without permits) (Certified letter sent 7/22/21) (Show just cause hearing on July 27th meeting)

Enf. Officer Herde stated: We are still waiting for a revised plan on this.

NOTICE of Cease & Restore – 40 Hunters Mountain Rd, Clear cutting in a regulated area. (Show cause hearing on Nov. 9, 2021) Updated map received and dated December 16th, 2021.

(Notice of violation- verbal) Mr. Brown, 35 Fiddlehead Rd, clearcutting in a regulated area.

A small discussion on proposed landscape plan and a timeline.

MATTERS OF CONSERVATION:

Discussion on Rockhouse Hill with the Oxford Land Trust regarding bikers and hikers being on RHS trails.

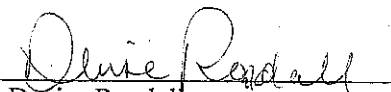
Margy Elliot (President of the OLT) and Nancy Clark (Director) and Dave Zanowiak (Director) were all present for discussion.


There was some discussion on determining if mountain biking (not including E-Bikes) is considered to be passive recreation. Discussion also on a forming a subcommittee which would be collaborative field walks. Everyone agreed to have 2 from Wetlands, 2 from the Oxford land Trust and 2 from Mountain Biking and this subcommittee shall consist of Oxford residence.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by **Commissioner Andy Ferrillo** to adjourn at 8:44 pm
Seconded by **Commissioner Brian Smith**. All in favor, voted 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Denise Randall
I/W Administrative Secretary

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TOWN CLERK


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