

Hampton IWWA Minutes
Regular Meeting – May 7, 2019
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Chairman Bonnekson called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present for the Board: Stan Crawford, Heather Bonnekson, Martin Mlyniec, Glen Newcombe

Not Present: Muriel Miller, Diane Gagnon, Pat Cascio, Peter Witkowski

Staff and Others Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer John Valente, Applicant John Olenick, First Selectman Allan Cahill, Recording Clerk Dayna Arriola

Item 1: Audience for Citizens: none.

Item 2: Additions to the Agenda: none

Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of February 5, 2019

Motion: Stan Crawford, seconded by Glen Newcombe, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Old Business: none.

Item 5: New Business:

1. WP0519-01: John Olenick, Applicant; intersection of East Old Route 6 and Route 6, M 5, BI 9, Lot 22-11. Proposed Activity: Applicant seeking Jurisdictional Ruling under Section 4 of the IWWA Regulations on a proposed Agricultural Building.

Applicant John Olenick representing St. Michael's Sawmill distributed maps illustrating plans for an extension of the existing saw mill on Route 6 on an approximate one acre parcel on East Old Route 6, a portion of which is wetlands. Plans include a narrow building, 24' X 82', to house machines, accessed from Old Route 6. The plan complies with the 75' setback requirements for agricultural use on both Route 6 and Old Route 6, and the building is 25' from the wetlands. The lumber yard is 100' from the wetlands. The entire operation will consume approximately 450 square feet, or 1/10 of the acre, with no activity in the wetlands. Plans include the installation of a swale pitched toward an existing swale along Route 6. John Valente noted that the natural contours of the land would not allow encroachment on the wetlands, and that the applicant plans on additional protection by installing concrete blocks. There are currently no plans to store fuel on the premises, though if that changes, the plan will include a vault.

John Valente explained to members that a preliminary determination of a jurisdictional ruling on an agricultural use was required in order for the applicant to continue with the project. He explained that forestry product includes processing, per CGS 1-1Q.

Motion: Stan Crawford, seconded by Heather Bonnekson, to approve a Jurisdictional Ruling under Section 4 of the IWWA Regulations as an agricultural use. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6: No Permit Necessary: none.

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Item 7: WEO Report

1. **Monthly Report:** John Valente reported that he has issued no administrative approvals, though he expects to in the near future. He has signed off on approximately ten projects, including sheds and garages.
2. **Duly Authorized Agent Action:** none.

Item 8: Communications: none.

Item 9: Discuss and Act on Any Other Business: none.

Item 10: Audience for Citizens: First Selectman Cahill announced that the purchase of a 50 acre tract along the Little River south of Hammond Hill will be considered at the Annual Town Meeting. Members discussed a letter of endorsement along with the Conservation Commission.

Item11: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Agency, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayna Arriola
Secretary