

**SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
BROOKFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM #133**

1. Convene Meeting

Chairperson Fox convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and established a quorum of members. She explained that per the Commission's by-laws, no new items could be added to the agenda at a special meeting.

2. Roll Call and Designation of Alternates

Present: Chairperson S. Fox, Secretary M. Mulvaney, R. Huttemann, M. Kukk

Absent: Vice Chairperson M. Forlenza, Alternate J. Bronn

3. Old Business:

a. 16 Hillside Court & 67 Meadow Brook Rd #201401194: Remove earth berm, logs & sediment that has collected over time which is clogging drainage swale & contributing to flooding (dec date 03/17/15) – Chairperson Fox reviewed the discussion at the last meeting, and noted that Director of Public Works, R. Tedesco, was unable to attend this evening. She further advised that she inspected the site and verified that there were no issues, as discussed at the last meeting. **Secretary Mulvaney moved to approve 16 Hillside Court & 67 Meadow Brook Rd., #201401194. Commissioner Huttemann seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

b. 198 Candlewood Lake Rd #201500009: Re-build Rock Jetty (dec date 03/17/15) – Chairperson Fox reviewed that this application relates to rebuilding the rock jetty. *M. Vacirca, 198 Candlewood Lake Rd., was present.* He indicated that ten years ago he built a jetty to combat milfoil growth, at the suggestion of Northeast Utilities. B. Wood of First Light sent him a letter advising that if lake is left at its highest level, and it froze, there was a risk of wood being knocked off into the turbines. The jetty will be replaced with a rock jetty, utilizing a mini-excavator. The Commission's permission is needed to remove the existing dock and to push the rocks to form a wall. The rocks will be brought in. It was noted that a letter of filing consent from First Light is in the file. **Secretary Mulvaney moved to approve Item 3.b., 198 Candlewood Lake Rd., #201500009, as shown on a hand-drawn map received 1/8/2015. Commissioner Huttemann seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**

c. 12 Candlewood Harbor #201500010: Re-build Seawall (dec date 03/17/15) – Chairperson S. Fox reviewed the discussion of the last meeting of January 12, 2015. After reviewing the file, she noted that another plan was received on January 13, 2015, and it was reviewed by the Commission members. *No one was present on behalf of the applicant.* At the last meeting, the following information had been requested: a construction sequence, additional drainage information, and a planting plan. After reviewing the most recent submission, it was noted that the new plan is deficient of these items.

The Commission requested that the Land Use Office contact the applicant, thank it for the updated plan, and request: a construction sequence, information regarding any open to daylight drainage/pipes into the lake, and a planting plan.

Secretary Mulvaney moved to continue Item 3.c., 12 Candlewood Harbor, #201500010, to the next regularly scheduled meeting, with the understanding that the Land Use Office will contact the applicant and request that it provide the following information: construction sequence, drainage plans, and a planting plan. Commissioner Kukk seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Royce was present. He advised that the application for 506 Candlewood Lake Road, not on tonight's agenda, relates to replacement of a dock at the Candlewood Inn, and that it must be expedited due to the

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lake pumping. Chairperson Fox noted that the application was filed on January 21, 2015. Mr. Royce stated that B. Wood of First Light, and a structural engineer, have both deemed that the dock is not safe.

The Commission noted that a clerical error prevented this item from being listed on tonight's agenda. It was listed on the agendas for the January 26, 2015 and February 9, 2015 (both canceled due to weather) as New Business, and Mr. Royce had contacted Chairperson Fox by telephone about this matter. *J. Murphy, 12 Cottontail Lane, was present, and reiterated the urgent nature of the work.* Chairperson Fox advised that the intent of tonight's meeting was to move items listed on those prior agendas forward.

It was decided to add this item as Item 4.a., New Business, 506 Candlewood Lake Rd., #201500031.

4. New Business

506 Candlewood Lake Rd., #201500031 – Mr. Royce submitted a photograph of the old dock, plans, and a construction plan. The first thing that is proposed is to move the snow, and create a containment perimeter for the work. The deck will then be demolished. *P. DiScala, 419 Federal Rd., was present.* He advised that the demolition will be accomplished using an excavator, and then the wood will be separated from the stone. The Commission noted a concern that there would be wood splinters. Mr. Royce proposed removing the wood in large pieces, and then it can be put in container and then smashed up. Permission for access with the excavator has been obtained from the neighboring property. The existing boulders will be stockpiled and re-used. Mr. Royce pointed out the circle areas at the bottom of the lake where sonotubes will be installed and back filled. The construction steps were reviewed by Chairperson Fox, per the plan of 12/9/14. Secretary Mulvaney suggested utilizing silt fence with hay bales; to prevent the latter from floating away should warming occur. Chairperson Fox noted her concern regarding the risk of hydraulic fluid leak from the excavator, and the presence of the excavator in the lake. Mr. DiScala advised that the machine would be rented. Secretary Mulvaney inquired about the possibility of utilizing a machine that uses a vegetable-oil based hydraulic fluid. There was also discussion regarding daily monitoring and having a containment kit on site. Upon inquiry from Secretary Mulvaney, Mr. Royce advised that Brian Wood has stated that the lake pumping will be done by the second week in April, and the deck work is anticipated to be done by the second week in March.

There was additional discussion regarding the fact that this matter was on the prior two meeting agendas which were canceled due to weather.

Upon inquiry from Secretary Mulvaney, Mr. Royce advised that Treks building material will be used.

There was additional discussion regarding the fact that this should have been on tonight's agenda, and it would not be unfair to the public to rule on this matter at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015.

Mr. DiScala advised he will call the rental company to determine if it has a machine with a vegetable-oil based hydraulic fluid, or a "spill kit". He also stated he could put a containment kit together. Additionally, the applicant will utilize silt fence and hay bales against the snow.

Commissioner Kukk moved to continue 506 Candlewood Lake Rd., #201500031, to the next regularly scheduled meeting, under Old Business. Secretary Mulvaney seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. Adjourn:

Secretary Mulvaney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Commissioner Kukk seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

*****Next regular meeting scheduled for February 23, 2015*****