ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 24, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 has been cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Eddy

Karen Eddy, Land Use Administrator

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 has been cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Xaren Eddy

Karen Eddy

Land Use Administrator

Cc: Town Clerk

Wetlands Enforcement Officer

IWWC

Dated: February 23, 2017

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 28, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 has been cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Xaren Eddy

Karen Eddy

Land Use Administrator

Cc: Town Clerk

Wetlands Enforcement Officer

IWWC

Dated: March 23, 2017

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 25, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 has been cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Xaren Eddy

Karen Eddy

Land Use Administrator

Cc: Town Clerk

Wetlands Enforcement Officer

IWWC

Dated: April 21, 2017

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 23, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Dirienzo, Smoliga, and Engel.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, John Smoliga, Sue Fitch and Andy Engel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - November 22, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 11/22/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried 3-0.

Sue Fitch was seated at 7:32 p.m.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC - N/A

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Aaron Mirochine/16 Church Street – Stone Wall</u>

Aaron Mirochine came forward and reviewed a map entitled Bank Stabilization & Bridge Replacement dated 9/20/11 by Brian Neff showing the location of the proposed wall. A photo of an example of the proposed stone wall was presented. The members found no issues with this proposal and determined that this activity should be nonregulated.

MOTION: To approve as a nonregulated activity the application of Aaron Mirochine/16 Church Street – Stone Wall. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

The application fee should be returned to Mr. Mirochine.

Arnold Pond – 12 Town Line Road – Aquatic Weed Control

<u>Cutler Pond – 307 Painter Hill Road – Aquatic Weed Control</u>

Yelding Pond – 167 Tophet Road – Aquatic Weed Control

Russell Dirienzo reported that he viewed these sites and asked that the Land Use Office send out the educational the letters to the applicants regarding alternatives.

IWC Permits

Russell Dirienzo reviewed two issues that have come up recently and their resolutions. He also updated the Commission on the Minor Bridge Rd. repair status.

The amended meeting schedule with the corrected May meeting date was reviewed.

MOTION: To approve correction to May meeting date on the 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. By Fitch, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 27, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, John Smoliga, Daniella Pappas, Sue Fitch, Andy Engel, and Rob Horrigan

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Dirienzo, Fitch, Smoliga, Horrigan and Engel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - May 23, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 5/23/17 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried 4-0-1. Horrigan abstained.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Lowe / 137 Flag Swamp Road – Extend drainage pipe for additional land filling

Russell Dirienzo reported that Mark Lowe came to him about the pipe at the four way intersection that he wanted to unclog, extend pipe and add fill to the bank. He would now like to extend the pipe to just before the wetlands and add rip rap and a catch basin. Mark Lowe advised that the plan is to extend the pipe 60 to 70 feet. The group viewed a map of the area and the wetland areas were identified. Mr. Lowe explained that he would also like to fill the area another 20 feet as it is currently too steep to maintain. He reviewed the history of the site with the group.

The members agreed that they would walk the site individually.

Adams / Driveway culvert replacement – Extension requested

It was noted that this permit was granted in 2013. In 2015 the permit was extended to 2017. There have been no changes to the proposal.

MOTION: To approve extension request for an additional 2 years for Adams / Driveway culvert replacement. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. by Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JULY 25, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Members Present: John Smoliga, Andy Engel, and Rob Horrigan

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Fitch, Smoliga, Horrigan and Engel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - June 27, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 6/27/17 Regular meeting. By Smoliga, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Lowe / 137 Flag Swamp Road – Extend drainage pipe for additional land filling

Mr. Lowe was not present to represent this application. Mr. Horrigan reported that he visited the site and was amazed with the amount of material that was deposited. He also has concerns with the value of the wetlands in the area and the amount that it has already been disrupted without a permit. The members agreed that the wetlands should be flagged and an engineered plan should be presented. It was noted that it appears that many trees were removed on the top of the hill.

It was determined that this application would be tabled until Mr. Lowe or an agent could be present.

MOTION: To table the application for Lowe / 137 Flag Swamp Road – Extend drainage pipe for additional land filling. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 22, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands Commission scheduled for August 22, 2017 has been cancelled. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2017.

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: John Smoliga, Andy Engel, Sue Fitch and Rob Horrigan

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Smoliga, Horrigan, Engel and himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, July 25, 2017

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 7/25/17 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Sue Fitch was seated at 7:33 p.m.

COMMUNICATION

CACIWC - Notice of Annual Meeting- Distributed via member packets

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Arment – 85 Painter Ridge Road – Redirect drainage to road drainage</u> system

Chair Dirienzo discussed the history of this site. Brian Neff came forward with a drawing showing the corner of the property where the drainage problem exists and his suggestions to remedy the issue by installing a drainage pipe at an angle with rip rap. Mr. Dirienzo explained that there is glacial till in the area causing the water problem throughout the field; however, the property owner disagrees and feels the problem is the water coming off the road and that a drainage pipe to discharge along the fence line will solve the issue. Mr. Neff reported that he explained the soil types in the area to the Mr. Argument and what to expect. Brian Neff confirmed that there will be no increased runoff onto neighboring properties due to this activity.

MOTION: To approve as a maintenance activity the application for Arment – 85 Painter Ridge Road – Redirect drainage to road drainage system. By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

Daly – 208 Southbury Road – Open shed for Alpacas

Deirdre Daly came forward. Ms. Daly confirmed that this is an agricultural activity and that alpacas are a sustainable species. She noted the site for the proposed shed row and the group reviewed the map of the property. Mr. Dirienzo explained that the only concern would be that the manure is handled properly with regard to the wetlands.

MOTION: To approve as an agricultural exemption the application for Daly – 208 Southbury Road – Open shed for Alpacas. By Dirienzo, seconded by Fitch

Discussion: It was confirmed that the shed row will not be on a foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Lowe / 137 Flag Swamp Road – Extend drainage pipe for additional land filling

Chairman Dirienzo reviewed the history of the site and read aloud the Request for Voluntary Compliance sent to Mr. Lowe. Mark Lowe came forward with photos of the drainage outlet. Mr. Dirienzo explained that it is only wetlands issues for which this Commission is responsible and there are other town issues involved in this matter that need to be worked out with the First Selectman. Mr. Lowe explained that in the 1980s the town routed the water to discharge onto his property. He would like to reroute this water to discharge to the other side of the road where there are existing wetlands. He believes that this is where the water went prior to the road being built up by the town.

Russell Dirienzo reported that the wetland area consists of glacial till, which makes the soil poorly drained. Mr. Lowe explained that there should be a well maintained catch basin where the hole exists. Currently he would like to further extend the pipe by another 160 feet in addition to the original 60 foot extension to feed the water into a plunge pool. Mr. Dirienzo agreed that a catch basin should be added to the area, but this is an issue to come before the First Selectman and should be designed by an engineer.

It was agreed that the bank should be top soiled and stabilized immediately. An engineered plan should be provided for further work regarding this matter. Mr. Lowe agreed to grant a 30 day extension of the application in order to provide an engineered plan for the proposed pipe and catch basin.

A letter was submitted from Brian Neff noting that wood chips is an acceptable alternative to hay for site stabilization. Additionally, a letter from Mike Temple was submitted noting the damage done by the town and the need to rectify the water runoff.

Mr. Dirienzo suggested that the members view the proposed site separately prior to the next meeting.

Hodges / 8 Chalybes Road – Deposition of material in regulated area

Fran Hodges came forward and explained that the area in question was previously a parking lot that has been used as a spoils spot. He is currently cleaning up cleaning up this spoils area in an effort to make site more visibly pleasant. Mr. Dirienzo reminded Mr. Hodges that he has a right to maintain the area; however, he should notify the land use office when he is working within the wetlands setback. Mr. Hodges explained his plan to plant a hemlock to shield the cars from view. Additionally, he is going to lower the grade of his vegetable garden. He welcomed the members to view his property.

MOTION: To add to the agenda the application for Odom- 26 Grassy Hill - Vegetation Management and Maintenance. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Odom – 26 Grassy Hill - Vegetation Management and Maintenance

Alex Algerian came forward with a proposal to clear brush as a maintenance activity. He explained that he began to do the clearing and realized that the area was flagged as wetlands. He will be using a log truck to reach in and pull out what is being cut. He confirmed that this is merely vegetation management and nothing more than 4 inches in diameter will be cut. There will be no excavating.

MOTION: To approve as maintenance activity the application of Odom- 26 Grassy Hill - Vegetation Management and Maintenance. By Dirienzo, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To add to the agenda the application for the Land Trust - 6 Mine Hill - Vegetation Management and Maintenance. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

<u>Land Trust – 6 Mine Hill - Vegetation Management and Maintenance</u>

Brian Neff came forward with a plan for a volunteer project along the railroad bed to remove invasive species with hand tools. He presented a map entitled Site Sketch Plan dated 9/14/17.

MOTION: To approve as nonregulated the application for Land Trust - 6 Mine Hill - Vegetation Management and Maintenance. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. by Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, **Jai Kern**Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russ Dirienzo, John Smoliga, Sue Fitch, Daniella Pappas and Rob Horrigan

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Smoliga, Fitch, Horrigan, Pappas and himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - September 26, 2017

Mr. "Argument" was corrected to Mr. "Arment" on page one.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 9/26/17 regular meeting as amended. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

<u>137 Flag Swamp Road – Extend drainage pipe</u>

Brian Neff and Mark Lowe came forward. Mr. Neff presented a plan entitled Road Drainage Extension Plan dated 10/23/17. He reviewed the pipe location and erosion control plan. Mark Lowe advised that there will be no fill brought in as the pipe will be buried. The existing contours and grade will remain. He confirmed that the site was seeded and is stabilized.

MOTION: To approve the application for 137 Flag Swamp Road – Extend drainage pipe as a regulated activity. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dirienzo reminded Mr. Lowe that the fee was due for this application.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. by Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, **Tai Kern**Tai Kern, Secretary

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2017 has been cancelled.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Raren fddy

Karen Eddy

Land Use Administrator

Dated: November 21, 2107

Cc: Town Clerk
Wetlands Enforcement Officer
IWWC

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2017

CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands Commission which was scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017 has been cancelled. A Special Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands Commission has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raren Eddy

Karen Eddy

Land Use Administrator

ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russ Dirienzo, Robert Horrigan, Andy Engel, John Smoliga, Andrew Wood & Daniela Pappas

Staff Present: Karen Eddy, LUA and Julie Cady, LU Clerk

Members of the Public Present: Jeremy Oskandy and Brian Neff

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Horrigan, Engel, Smoliga, Wood and himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - October 24, 2017

Motion: To approve the minutes of 10/24/2017 Regular Meeting; Motion by Andy Engel, seconded by John Smoliga and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>04-16 #1 - Grassy Hill Properties, LLC - Remove existing wild grasses and replant with feed grass for sheep (amend existing permit)</u>

Robert Horrigan stepped down and Daniela Pappas was seated by Chairman Dirienzo.

Brian Neff came forward with an application to include redoing a drainage swale in the front of the property. There was a discussion about the possibility of putting a fire/agricultural pond on the property and tying it into existing drainage. Mr. Neff proposed adding a swale which would keep the drainage out of the field, but wouldn't feed into the wetlands itself. It was decided that Andy Engel and John Smoliga will go out to the property for a site visit.

Motion: To approve as an amendment to application 04-16 #1 to allow the removal of existing grasses and invasives and the replanting of feed grass for sheep; Motion by Russ Dirienzo, seconded by Andy Engel, and carried. Robert Horrigan abstained.

12-17-01 The Woods Roxbury LLC- North Street-11 Lot Subdivision

Daniela Pappas remained seated for Robert Horrigan.

Jeremy Oskandy from Howland & Associates came forward to discuss the application. Mr. Oskandy explained the proposed subdivision would encompass 67 acres, with eleven lots, each lot being 4 acres or more. There is one wetland crossing at the very beginning of the proposed road site. The proposed private road would be paved with most of the road having swales, except the very beginning which would be curbs and a catch basin system. The road placement is between the two wetland systems which join at the bottom of the hill and would have to be crossed. Nine lots are proposed coming off the proposed private road with a total of three ponds for drainage along the road. Two more lots would be accessed from Route 199, and each with their own dedicated discharge pond.

It was decided the Board members would visit and walk the property after the first of the year. A special meeting will be announced with the date and time of the site walk.

Robert Horrigan was seated again.

WEO REPORT

The Wetlands Permit Report was reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wetlands Meeting Schedule for 2018

Motion: To approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule as amended, December 18, 2018 amended to December 19, 2018; Motion by Robert Horrigan, seconded by Andy Engel, and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2018

Motion: To nominate Russ Dirienzo as Chairman for the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission; Motion by Andy Engel, seconded by Robert Horrigan, and carried unanimously.

Motion: To nominate Andy Engel as Vice Chairman for the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission; Motion by Russ Dirienzo, seconded by Robert Horrigan, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.; Motion by Russ Dirienzo, seconded by Andrew Woods, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, **Julie Cady**Julie Cady, Secretary

These minutes are not considered official until approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission