

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION &
INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MINUTES
October 26, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moeling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti took the roll call.

PRESENT: John Moeling, Chair; Steve Klocke, Vice Chair; Ed Holowinko; Jenn Balliett; Matt Pentz; and John Levin (6:05PM).
Alexis Cherichetti and Amelia Williams, staff.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

***** MR. HOLOWINKO LEFT THE MEETING DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES.**

IV. RECEIPT & DISCUSSION

- a) **#S21-585 – 0 Shirley Street and 49 Marlin Drive – Verizon** – Installation of fiber optic cable in conduit installed via directional drilling under a wetland and trenching adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Mr. Andrew Ajaeb, of AMP Communications, described the project and the site location.

Mr. Moeling asked why they did not propose to go above ground.

Mr. Ajaeb noted though directional drilling would be more expensive, it would allow them to avoid cutting down trees and other disturbance within the wetland. He noted overhead installation of the 425 feet of conduit would require the installation of a pole every 30 to 50 feet within the wetland.

Mr. Tomas Will, of Direction Tech, the contractor that would do the directional boring, described the installation proposed. He described the process and noted the boring would occur 5 to 6 feet below ground. He stated they would start in an upland area and then go under the wetland. He estimated there would be an approximately five (5) inch bore hole.

Mr. Klocke provided a synopsis of directional drilling and the locations on the site plan. He described his past experience with directional drilling.

V. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION

- a) **#S21-577 – 63 Cranbury Road – Lombardi** – Corrective Action construction of retaining walls, garden and deck with storage underneath in and adjacent to wetlands and a watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti reviewed the Agency's comments during the previous meeting. She described the elements the applicants are proposed to keep and the elements that would be removed.

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH
ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN MS. CHERICHETTI'S MEMO.**

***** MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b) **#S21-581 – 15 Fox Run Road – Reinoso** – Corrective Action restoration and landscaping in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

There was discussion regarding the revised landscaping plan.

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN MS. CHERICHETTI'S MEMORANDUM, WITH A CORRECTION TO SPECIAL CONDITION #3 THAT SPECIFIED THE REMAINDER OF TREES MUST HAVE BE A MINIMUM 1-GALLON SIZED SPECIMEN AT THE TIME OF PLANTING.**

***** MR. MOELING SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Ms. Balliett suggested more trees would better mitigate the violation.

Mr. Levin wanted more information regarding the size of a 1-gallon container and stated he still had an issue with large mature trees being removed, but only small trees proposed as replacement.

Ms. Jacome displayed photos of the property and the trees she had procured.

Mr. Levin expressed concern about the precedent if they allow the small trees to count as restoration.

Mr. Klocke suggested they condition that at least five (5) of the trees be at least 1 ½ inch caliper at the time of planting. He asked staff to provide an adjusted bond amount.

Ms. Cherichetti stated the bond would rise to \$2,060.

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE AN AMENDED MOTION TO APPROVE WITH THE ADDED LANGUAGE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LARGER TREES AND HAVE SAME REFLECTED IN THE BOND AMOUNT.**

***** MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c) **#S21-582 – 51½ North Bridge Street – Felix** – Construction of a new residential dwelling with associated grading adjacent to a wetland

Ms. Cherichetti provided an overview of the project.

Mr. Klocke stated his difficulty in understanding the scope of the activities and encouraged the applicant to retain a professional to assist with development of plans.

Mr. Felix, owner and applicant, noted he would need to hire a surveyor for his Zoning permit, but was hoping to gain commission approval prior to investing any more in the property.

Mr. Levin asked for confirmation of what activities would occur in the upland review area. There was discussion regarding the extent of tree clearing and grading.

Ms. Cherichetti suggested the applicant stake the location of the house corners and retaining wall location at the site. She also suggested he go ahead and get a survey completed.

- d) **#S21-583 – 3 Appletree Lane – Torres** – Correction Action removal of boulders in a wetland and other proposed additions and landscaping in and adjacent to wetlands and watercourses

Ms. Cherichetti gave an overview of the revised plan that had been submitted. She reviewed all of the activities. She noted there was a memorandum in their packets with a draft resolution.

Mr. Moeling suggested they review the plan and memo in advance of the next meeting.

- e) **#S21-584 – 6 Lori Lane – Jaeger** – Correction Action removal of woodchips and re-vegetation of a wetland in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

***** MR. PENTZ RECUSED HIMSELF AND LEFT THE MEETING.**

Mr. Klocke recalled trees had fallen in storms, the owner had woodchipped the tree branches and deposited the chips in the wetland.

There was discussion regarding the drawings submitted by the applicant. There was discussion regarding what portions of the wetlands would be lawn and what portions would be replanted.

Mr. Moeling stated the sketch needed to be more specific in regards to the number and location of shrubs. He stated it was his strong opinion the wetland should not be maintained as lawn. He added they needed to see a plan that adequately mitigated the filling of the wetland with woodchips.

IX. MEETING MINUTES

a) October 12, 2021 meeting minutes

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.**

***** MR. LEVIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. COMMENTS OF STAFF

a) Report of the Senior Environmental Officer

Ms. Cherichetti mentioned the on-going waterfront study and the link for comments she had emailed earlier.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

a) Report of the Commission Chair

Mr. Moeling had none.

Mr. Levin suggested Ms. Cherichetti add the open space map and spreadsheet to the website. He noted there were errors and omissions on the spreadsheet.

Ms. Cherichetti said she would work to clean up the data and then get it on the website.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

***** MS. BALLIETT SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM.