



**Town of
NORTH STONINGTON, CT
Inland Wetlands Commission**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

North Stonington Town Hall
Town Clerk's Office
40 Main Street
North Stonington, CT 06359

Minutes Approved ~ October 9, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mark Grigg called the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission to order on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mark Grigg, Chairman, Kevin Geary, Eric Offen, Ron Lewis, Marvin Chase & Cody Bill (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Konsavitch, Administrative Assistant

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

3. MINUTES:

Review Minutes of Regular Meeting of 07/10/19

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. #19-064 Application of Pine Gate Renewables LLC, 130 Roberts St., Asheville, NC 28801 for a solar energy system. (No work proposed within the wetlands) on property located at 89 Providence-New London Trpk., Tax Map #121, Lot #4830 in an R40 Zone.

Mr. Bob Russo, Soil Scientist of CLA Engineers was present for this application representing the applicant.

Mr. Russo went over the site plan for the proposed solar farm located at 89 Providence-New London Turnpike and also submitted drainage calculations for the proposal. Mr. Russo stated the wetlands were

delineated so that planning the solar farm development could incorporate them and be considerate of this regulated resource and can also be used to avoid or mitigate impacts during the site planning process.

Mr. Russo stated it looks like the site has been logged within the past 5 years and went over the surficial geology and soils on the site. Mr. Russo stated the solar site has 2 acres of wetlands and no Connecticut protected species are known to be present per the December 2018 update of the CTDEEP NDDB. Mr. Russo concurred that the proposed solar farm panels will occupy approximately 5 acres.

Mr. Russo stated as shown on the site-plan, there are no proposed activities in the wetlands and work in the upland review area will be limited. There will be selective tree trimming west of the solar field, this will not include whole tree removal or stumping, only trimming of tree tops. The topography drops off quickly and only tree top removal is called for. Mr. Russo stated the service driveway will follow the existing logging road and require limited alteration of the site.

Mr. Russo stated in closing that the proposed activities will not directly impact wetlands. If the proposed erosion and sedimentation control measures and storm water management are adhered to, CLA believes that there will be no adverse wetland impacts.

The Commission discussed run off and would like a 3rd party consultant to review the application and to look at pre and post drainage calculations and recommendations if applicable on how to reduce/mitigate potential impacts to adjacent wetlands and/or improve the proposed design.

The Commission will do individual site-walks of the site.

B. #19-068 Application of Sean & Katie Morrone, 14 Chestnut St., #2, Westerly, RI 02891 for the construction of a Single-Family Residence with attached garage located at 118 Babcock Rd., Tax Map #110, Lot #8199 in an R80 Zone.

Sean & Katie Morrone were present for this application and stated they have received Ledge Light Health District approval for the septic.

The approved Subdivision stated the 4 lots needed to come back before the Commission for their review. The Commission reviewed the site-plan and affirmed that all work was outside the wetlands buffer but would like to see hay bales, wood chips or wattles be used, in lieu of the staked fabric wetlands barrier for Erosion & Sediment control. In addition, the Wetlands Enforcement Officer is to inspect the erosion and sediment controls prior to construction. The Commission agreed that the Wetlands Enforcement Officer could sign off on the permit with the above stipulations.

7. WEO'S REPORT:

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by M. Chase, SECOND by E. Offen to adjourn the Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting at 7:55 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectively Submitted,

Cheryl Konsavitch

Cheryl Konsavitch,
Administrative Assistant, Inland Wetlands Commission