

TOWN OF ESSEX Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

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Record of Vote – June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

The Essex IWWC conducted their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom (link was provided to the public on the Town of Essex website).

Members present were Vice Chairman Michael Furgueson, Carolyn Field, Andre Roussel, Secretary Ernest Cook, David Kirsch (Alternate), and Noreen Brennan-Rowe (Alternate).

Seated members were Vice Chairman Michael Furgueson, Carolyn Field, Andre Roussel, Secretary Ernest Cook, and David Kirsch (Alternate).

MOTION made by A Roussel to approve the May 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes with the following amendments:

- Page 3:
 - 5th paragraph- A pre-construction conference would make sure that everything was done correctly
- Page 4:
 - o R Doane- During a dry week NOT dryer
- Page 5:
 - o Peter Decker- Representative for McBeth Ventures
- Page 6:
 - o Paved apron with gravel parking lot
 - Motion to schedule Application 22-06 6 Main Street Centerbrook for the <u>June 14, 2022</u> regular meeting.

SECONDED by E Cook; **Voting in Favor**: M Furgueson, C Field, A Roussel, E Cook, D Kirsch; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None; **Approved**: 5/0/0. **Discussion**: No Discussion

<u>Application No. 22-06- 6 Main Street Centerbrook</u> Witch Hazel Factory Proposal to dredge sediment in a portion of the wetlands on the property and replant. *Applicant: Peter J Decker; Owner: Macbeth Ventures LLC*

MOTION made by A Roussel based on the information presented in this application, the accompanying documents in the record, and on the testimony given at this meeting, the Commission finds that the proposed activity is a regulated activity not involving significant or major effect upon the inlands wetlands or watercourse which occur on the property as defined in Section 2.2., and that no reasonable or prudent alternative exists to the proposed plans.

The Commission makes a <u>Summary Ruling</u> and grants a permit and gives permission for the applicant to proceed with the proposed activity as stated on said application and as shown on plans accompanying the application, <u>subject to the following conditions:</u>

- 1. In accordance with the Commission's Regulations section 11.8, the activity pursuant to said permit shall be for a period of 2 years from the permit's effective date with allowed activity occurring between March 15th and October 15th of the year of initiation.
- 2. Should the applicant determine that the permitted activity will not be completed between March 15th and October 15th of the year of initiation, the applicant agrees to appear before the Commission prior to October 15th and present a plan for the stabilization of the site during the months of no activity.
- 3. The applicant agrees to follow the advice and direction of the Town of Essex Enforcement Officer with regard to any field changes she/he deems necessary or may require for the protection of the inland wetlands and water course during the process.
- 4. The Commission, through its Enforcement Officer, shall be notified in writing upon the initiation of the authorized activity and again upon completion of these activities
- 5. A one year follow up inspection will be completed by the wetlands official to assess the outcome of the activity.

SECONDED by E Cook; **Voting in Favor**: M Furgueson, C Field, A Roussel, E Cook, D Kirsch; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None; **Approved**: 5/0/0. **Discussion**: No Discussion

Section 12 Action by Duly Authorized Agent

Declaratory Ruling/ Uses as of Right Application- Removal of invasive species and replanting within wetlands and upland review area at **8 and 10 Benson Lane, Essex.**

MOTION made by M Furgueson to accept the application as a notice of a proposed permitted operation and use or a nonregulated operation and use at 8 and 10 Benson Lane pursuant to Section 4.4, and that the proposed activity as specifically described and limited in said application is ruled as a nonregulated use pursuant to Section 4.2a. C Duques and S Rutkowska will craft the appropriate documentation to send to the property owner. **Voting in Favor**: M Furgueson, C Field, A Roussel, E Cook, D Kirsch; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None; **Approved**: 5/0/0. **Discussion**: No Discussion

MOTION made by E Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM until the next regularly scheduled EIWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday July 12, 2022 at the Essex Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue (alternate location via teleconference); **SECONDED** by M Furgueson; **Voting in Favor**: M Furgueson, C Field, A Roussel, E Cook, D Kirsch; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None; **Approved**: 5/0/0. **Discussion**: No Discussion

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Sanso, Recording Clerk