



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses  
Commission**

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*J. Colin Heffernan, Chairman  
Charles A Wehrly, III, Vice Chairman  
Charles W. Savage*

*Richard J. Esty (Conservation)  
Madeleine B. Fish (Zoning)  
Paula S. Kay (Planning)  
Vacancy (Economic Development)*

**Alternate Members**

*Elizabeth D. Steffen, Secretary  
Janis L. Esty  
Alyse Y. Oziolor*

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.  
Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present and seated:** J.C. Heffernan, C. Wehrly, R. Esty, P. Kay, E. Steffen, A. Oziolor, J. Esty

**Present not seated:** M. Fish

**Staff:** P. Hegge, Environmental Enforcement Officer, L. Wacker, Recording Clerk

**Absent:** C. Savage

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**19-007 “Sulots” Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity**

Removal and stockpiling of topsoil from approx. 800 s.f. of lawn; Excavating approx.. 50 c.y. of earth and construction of additions; Spreading, grading of topsoil and seeding

129 Old Boston Post Road (Map 29/Lot 28)

Applicant: William Sulots      Agent: Robert L. Doane, Jr. P.E., L.S.

R. Doan presented the proposal. A 400 s.f. addition is proposed to an existing three bedroom house located within a flood zone. The structure is within the buffer area of a .3 ac wetland located on an adjacent property. Silt fence will be used in the area of the addition where topsoil will be stripped and excavated. The basement will be turned into a walkout and flood vents will be added to comply with flood zone regulations. A stormwater recharge system with an overflow provision has been added to the plan. Two propane tanks at the back of the structure have also been added to the plan, compliant with flood zone regulations. A. Oziolor asked the purpose of the propane tanks. R. Doan explained they are for heating purposes.

**MOTION** to approve the application (19-007) for 129 Old Boston Post Rd. (Map 29/Lot 28); **MADE** by **J.C. Heffernan**; **SECONDED** by **C. Wehrly**; **VOTING IN FAVOR: J.C. Heffernan, C. Wehrly, R. Esty, E. Steffen, P. Kay, J. Esty, A. Oziolor**; **OPPOSED: None**; **ABSTAINING: None**; **APPROVED 7-0-0.**

#### IV. DISCUSSION

Complaint: Mowing over wetland vegetation  
**72 Bokum Rd. (Map 57/Lot 19-2)**

There was a discussion about what is considered a regulated activity vs. a non-regulated accessory use to a residential property, in order to give guidance to P. Hegge. P. Kay asked about the proximity of the mowing to the house. It was determined that mowing constitutes the removal of wetland material. The commission members looked at photos and a map, and recognized that the mowing appeared to be substantially within the wetland area. R. Esty talked about the impact of the mowing on the vegetation based upon the time of year that it was taking place. Mowing during the growing season is more damaging. J.C. Heffernan asked when the mowing was first reported and P. Hegge stated it was June 27. Several commission members agreed that the mowing caused a substantial removal of material from the wetland. P. Hegge to carry out the enforcement action.

#### V. REGULAR BUSINESS

##### A. Minutes

It was noted that in the 8/15 minutes E. Steffen's last name is spelled incorrectly. Where it is indicated that the Vice Chairman called the meeting to order, it should be the Chairman.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting as amended; **MADE** by **R. Esty**; **SECONDED** by **P. Kay**; **VOTING IN FAVOR J.C Heffernan, C. Wehrly, R. Esty, E. Steffen, J. Esty, P. Kay, A. Oziolor**; **OPPOSED: None**; **ABSTAINING: None**; **APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

##### B. Correspondence & Announcements

**MOTION** to pay Siegel, O'Connor, O'Donnell & Beck, P.C., invoice #163343, in the amount of \$609.98; **MADE** by **J.C. Heffernan**; **SECONDED** by **P. Kay**; **VOTING IN FAVOR J.C. Heffernan, C. Wehrly, R. Esty, E. Steffen, J. Esty, P. Kay, A. Oziolor**; **OPPOSED: None**; **APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

**MOTION** to accept the IWWC meeting dates for the 2020 calendar year as proposed; **MADE** by **J.C. Heffernan**; **SECONDED** by **R. Esty**; **VOTING IN FAVOR J.C. Heffernan, C. Wehrly, R. Esty, E. Steffen, J. Esty, P. Kay, A. Oziolor**; **OPPOSED: None**; **APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

**C. Committee, Representative & Staff Reports****6 Cliffe Drive (Map 53/Lot 24) Permit: 19-008**

P. Hegge inspected the property and observed that the work was satisfactorily completed. P. Hegge guided them to install a silt fence. Permit issued.

**Blue Heron Way (Map 25/Lot 1) Permit: 18-002**

P. Hegge inspected the property. Invasive species appeared to be removed and native plantings installed. Permit issued.

**120 Sea Lane (Map 13/Lot 79)**

M. Fish reported that the Wertheim application changed since they were in front of the IWWC. The Zoning Commission denied without prejudice their application.

R. Esty reported the Conservation Commission is sponsoring the Coastal Cleanup on Saturday 9/21. They will clean up the shoreline and roadway from Town Beach to Harvey's Beach, the Chamber of Commerce PLOT group will be cleaning up the causeway area, and several beach associations will be cleaning up their beaches. He also reported that the CC newsletter came out 9/19. He reported that the Electric Vehicle event is also taking place 9/19.

E. Steffen reported that the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry is having a 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on Sunday from 2-4, they are asking for baked goods or a donation.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOTION</b> to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.to , <b>October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 302 Main Street; MADE by J.C. Heffernan; SECONDED by R. Esty; VOTING IN FAVOR: J.C. Heffernan, C. Wehrly, R. Esty, P. Kay, J. Esty, E. Steffen; ABSTAINING: None; APPROVED: 7-0-0.</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Lynette Wacker  
Recording Clerk