



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

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, A. Oziolor, J. Esty

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

Absent: J. Colin Heffernan (E. Steffen is seated)

III. NEW BUSINESS

19-004 “Wertheim” Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity

Demolition of existing house, garage and gazebo, depositing fill, grading, construction of a new 1,803 s.f. house, removal of existing driveway, and installation of crushed shell driveway

120 Sea Lane (Map 13/Lot 79)

Applicant: Pamela Wertheim, Owner Agent: Joseph Wren, P.E.

Joe Wren, agent for Pamela Wertheim, explained that it was determined that the current house would not survive relocation and so it is now proposed to be demolished and a new house will be constructed on the same footprint proposed in the previous application.

J. Wren explained that two rain gutters will drain to the driveway and two others will drain to the patio, which is pervious. Two feet (500 yds) of fill will act as a reservoir in which 12-15k gallons of water can be absorbed. J. Wren responded that silt fence will be used, as well as an anti-tracking stone construction entrance. The fill will help with water absorption. Construction will start in the fall if approvals are granted and fill will be brought in right away.

MOTION to receive the application (19-004) for 120 Sea Lane (Map 13/Lot 79) finding it complete; **MADE** by **M. Fish**; **SECONDED** by **P. Kay**; **VOTING IN FAVOR:** **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; **OPPOSED:** **None**; **ABSTAINING:** **None**; **APPROVED 6-0-0.**

MOTION to determine no significance of impact for the application (19-004) for 120 Sea Lane (Map 13/Lot 79); MADE by **P. Kay**; SECONDED **M. Fish**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; OPPOSED: **None**; ABSTAINING: **None**; APPROVED **6-0-0**.

MOTION to not require Ord. 71 fees for the application (19-004) for 120 Sea Lane (Map 13/Lot 79): MADE by **E. Steffen**; SECONDED by **R. Etsy**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; OPPOSED: **None**; ABSTAINING: **None**; APPROVED **6-0-0**.

19-006 **“Ethier” Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity**

Expansion of existing deck to 24' x 12'

6 Cliffe Drive (Map 53/Lot 24-46)

Applicant: Bryan & Debbie Ethier, Owners

P. Hegge noted that the proposed activity is within the 100' upland review area of wetlands on an abutting neighbor's property to the east. P. Hegge stated the proposal appears to be a minimal activity with no impact on the wetland. The deck will be pervious. He would advise the applicant not to bring vehicles to the rear of the property to avoid disturbance to the wetland buffer area.

M. Fish said P. Hegge could work with the applicant since he has completed the training and is qualified to act on behalf of the Commission.

MOTION to deny the application (19-006) for 6 Cliffe Drive (Map 53/Lot 24-46) finding it incomplete; MADE by **E. Steffen**; SECONDED by **M. Fish**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; OPPOSED: **None**; ABSTAINING: **None**; APPROVED **6-0-0**.

MOTION to determine no significance of impact of minor activity for 6 Cliffe Drive (Map 53/Lot 24-46) to be handled administratively; MADE by **R. Etsy**; SECONDED by **E. Steffen**; VOTING IN FAVOR: **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; OPPOSED: **None**; ABSTAINING: **None**; APPROVED **6-0-0**.

IV. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. **Minutes**

It was noted that there was an error in the roll call of the meeting of 5/16/19- nine people were recorded as seated when it should have been seven.

MOTION to approve the minutes as amended of the May 16, 2019 meeting; MADE by **E. Steffen**; SECONDED by **R. Esty**; VOTING IN FAVOR **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; OPPOSED: **None**; APPROVED: **6-0-0**.

B. Correspondence & Announcements

MOTION to pay Siegel, O'Connor, O'Donnell & Beck, P.C., invoice #162997, in the amount of \$607.50 in fiscal year 2019; **MADE** by **R. Esty**; **SECONDED** by **E. Steffen**; **VOTING IN FAVOR** **C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; **OPPOSED: None**; **APPROVED: 6-0-0**.

There were no announcements.

C. Committee, Representative & Staff Reports

R. Esty reported that the Conservation Commission held an event with the Youth & Family Services' Environmental Stewardship Camp, which included creating birdhouses with a local artist. The Conservation Commission also manned a table at the Old Saybrook sidewalk sale event to publicize Plastics Free July.

P. Hegge reported that a complaint was received about the mowing of wetlands vegetation at 72 Bokum Road, which he verified by observation. P. Hegge spoke with the property owner's attorney about whether mowing is a regulated activity. P. Hegge found language in Section 4.1D of the regulations about which he asked the Commission whether it interprets as exempting mowing in a wetland buffer area. There was a discussion about the language, and the Commission asked P. Hegge to ask Land Use staff about customary practice.

P. Hegge also reported that the permit for the automotive business at 179 Boston Post Rd. had expired. He spoke to the owner who said the required work would be done by August 1. P. Hegge will carry out enforcement action if the work is not finished by that date.

P. Hegge also reported that the restoration work at 810 Middlesex Turnpike will be complete when seeding is done and gravel is applied to parking area.

P. Hegge also reported that a report was received from DEEP regarding the construction of a dock at 38 Watrous Point Rd. There do not appear to be any inland wetlands near the property so it is not within the IWWC's jurisdiction.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. to **Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 302 Main Street**; **MADE** by **R. Esty**; **SECONDED** by **P. Kay**; **VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Wehrly, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen**; **ABSTAINING: None**; **APPROVED: 6-0-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynette Wacker
Recording Clerk