

**CHESHIRE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019
TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dunne served as chairwoman pro-tem. Mr. Kurtz served as secretary pro-tem in Robert de Jongh and Charles Dimmick's absence.

Ms. Dunne called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Kurtz called the roll. Kerrie Dunne, Earl Kurtz, Will McPhee and Thom Norback were present. Staff member Suzanne Simone was present. Members not present were Robert de Jongh, Charles Dimmick and Dave Brzozowski.

IV. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Dunne determined there were enough members present for a quorum.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting – December 4, 2018

Motion: To approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 regular meeting with corrections; pg. 1 L22 add Earl Kurtz (as being present at the meeting); pg. 4 L8 "would" to "will" be kept on the agenda.

Moved by Mr. Kurtz. Seconded by Mr. Norback. Motion approved unanimously by Commission members present.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Dunne opened the meeting up for the election of officers:

Mr. Norback nominated Robert de Jongh as chairman.

Mr. McPhee seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Robert de Jongh as chairman was approved unanimously by those members present.

Mr. McPhee nominated Charles Dimmick as the vice-chairman.

Mr. Kurtz seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Charles Dimmick as vice-chairman was approved unanimously by those members present.

Mr. Kurtz nominated Kerrie Dunne as secretary.

Mr. Norback seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Kerrie Dunne as secretary was approved unanimously by those members present.

Nominations were closed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Simone reviewed the following communications:

1. Staff Communication w/Attachments Re: IWWC App. 2018-020, 619 Tamarack Road, Site Plan – Inground Pool & Garage
2. Staff Communication w/Attachments Re: IWWC App. 2019-001, Cornwall Avenue, Site Plan - House

VIII. INSPECTION REPORTS

1. Written Inspections – no written inspections.
2. Staff Inspections

Ms. Simone provided follow up information on the garage installed in the early 1900s on Scenic Court; the property owner had a soil scientist measure the distance from the wetlands; the garage is 62' away from the edge of wetlands, so it's outside the upland review area.

IX. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

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| 1. Notice of Violation/Cease and Desist Order | SC | 5/16/17 |
| Unauthorized Activities in Upland Review Area | SC | 6/06/17 |
| Luis Rivera and Joanna Kozak | SC | 6/20/17 |
| 1392 Cheshire Street | SC | 7/05/17 |
| Assessor's Map 30, Lot 17 | SC | 7/18/17 |
| | SC | 8/01/17 |
| | SC | 9/05/17 |

Ms. Simone reported that the stipulated order was approved by the judge and it has been signed and they are moving forward with the agreed upon fines and penalties as well as they did construct the split rail fence; she expected this item will remain on the agenda until the stipulated items have been fulfilled.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Potential Addition/Modification to IWWC Fee Schedule

Ms. Simone reported that the letter (regarding the proposed IWWC fee schedule) from the Commission was sent to the town council and the town manager.

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| 2. Permit Application | APP | 2018-020 |
| Prospect Pools, LLC/Chris Keeler | DOR | 10/16/18 |
| 619 Tamarack Road | | |
| Site Plan – Inground Pool & 24' x 24' Garage | MAD | 1/15/19 |

Ryan McEvoy, PE of Milone and MacBroom was present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. McEvoy submitted a revised site plan showing proposed grading for the inground pool and garage; they are proposing to put in a splash pad using 2" stone.

Mr. McEvoy reviewed the revised site plan with Commission members; he explained there was 2,700 SF of upland review area impact; no activity taking place in the wetland area. He said he addressed engineering comments and handed out (to Commission members) his written reply to those comments.

Mr. McEvoy explained the proposed activity in the upland review area is to install drainage pipe (to drain the flow from roof); he talked about the details of the proposed activities, the location of the delineated wetlands, and location of the slope; he talked about the use of erosion control measures to secure the site.

Ms. Simone asked when would the erosion control blanket and erosion controls – and the use of silt fence and hay bales.

Mr. McEvoy replied that the erosion control blanket would be installed in the area when the work happens (between the proposed pool and delineated wetland).

Ms. Dunne said she didn't see details about the erosion control blanket on the plan.

Mr. McEvoy explained he'd add the erosion control blanket detail to the plan and would review the plan details and submit revisions to staff before the next meeting.

Ms. Simone noted the mandatory action date was extended to January 15, 2019; a draft motion would be prepared for that meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. | Permit Application | APP | 2019-001 |
| | House 2 Home Builders | DOR | 1/03/18 |
| | Cornwall Avenue | | |
| | Site Plan – House | MAD | 3/09/19 |

John Gable from CT Consulting Engineers was present on behalf of the applicant House 2 Home.

Mr. Gable was present before the Commission to present a new site plan application for Cornwall Avenue.

Mr. Gable explained the applicant is proposing a single family dwelling with a private septic system and city water on a 4.8 acre lot; activity is proposed within the 50' upland review area for the house and foot drainage.

Mr. Gable reviewed the site plan details for Commission members; he said that placards are proposed along the tree line.

Mr. Kurtz asked about the location of the posts shown on the plan – along the 50' line.

Mr. Gable showed the location of the upland review area and the location of the posts; there would be defined lawn area.

Ms. Simone commented that usually the posts go on the line of the lawn and wood line; so they would rather see them (the posts) along the lawn/tree wood line areas and along the upland review area.

Ms. Simone asked that Mr. Gable talk about the construction sequence.

Mr. Gable handed out copies of the schedule of the sequence of construction for Commission members review.

Commission members reviewed the construction sequence.

Ms. Simone questioned the staked out limits; the limits need to be staked and clearing limits inspected – trees cut and erosion controls installed before grubbing could take place.

Mr. Kurtz said he had concerns about the (construction) sequence being properly adhered to and that it's a tough lot with a tough builder; he wants to see inspections every step of the way.

Mr. Gable said he'd work with Suzanne on the construction sequence revisions.

Ms. Simone noted that the soonest the Commission could act (on this application) was February 5, 2019; 14 days from today were needed).

Commission member's discussion the need for detailed permit stipulations.

Ms. Simone said the fence placards need to be in before the work starts; or the addition of a snow fence (orange fencing).

Mr. Norback agreed that something like that (fencing) could be added as a construction sequence detail; the fence could be added in front of the limit of disturbance.

Mr. Gable asked what the Commission and staff wanted to see every step of the way; work inspections could be in place.

Mr. Gable said they received Health Department approval for septic.

Commission members continued discussion regarding the project details present; and that a new construction sequence was needed on the plan.

Mr. Kurtz commented about the wetland report from Jim Sipperly and how were the wetlands going to be protected.

Ms. Simone said the wetlands report noted that there were high value wetlands present.

Jim Sipplery was not present to review his report with Commission members.

Ms. Dunne expressed concerns about wildlife (protection – was a plan in place).

There was discussion about a DEEP report being needed and if state requirements would be followed; more clarifications from the applicant was required.

The applicant would need to revise the current plan at the Commission - more plan details and a construction sequence need to be added to the plan.

This item will be continued to the next meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm by consensus of Commission members present.

Respectfully submitted:

**Carla Mills
Recording Secretary
Cheshire Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission**