



Town of Groton, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
Inland Wetlands Agency

Office of Planning and
Development Services

Town Hall Annex
134 Groton Long Point
Road
Groton, CT 06340

860-446-5970

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting.

Chair

Chair David Scott

Vice Chair

Vice Chair Eunice Sutphen

Members

Secretary Barbara Block

Member Annie Oosterwyk

Member Barbara Williams

Alternates

Alternate Courtney McCracken

Alternate Gary Robbins

Staff

Lynda Galetta

Deb Jones

Bruce Lofgren

I. ROLL CALL

I.1. Roll Call

Staff read the Inland Wetlands Agency Zoom meeting rules and processes. Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and sat Robbins for Sutphen. Agency members present were Scott, Block, Williams, Oosterwyk, McCracken. and Robbins. The meeting was staffed by Jones, Lofgren, and Galetta

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

II.1. IWA21-08, 80 Starr Street, Devlin Residence

Scott opened the public hearing for the Devlin Residence at 80 Starr Street. Block read the call of the meeting. Staff explained the applicant is not present at the meeting tonight and read a letter to the Agency from the design engineer Norm Thibeau requesting that the hearing be opened and continued to the December 8, 2021 meeting. The request is being submitted in order to allow the applicant to receive and address comments from CLA Engineers.

Staff further noted that CLA Engineers is conducting a 3rd party review of the application. The applicant prefers to wait to present to the Agency at the December meeting when they will have full representation of the application. For review and comment the public may come to the Office of Planning and Development Services in the Town Hall Annex. The office is fully open at this time. They may also contact Deb Jones or visit the website.

MOTION: To continue the public hearing to the next regular meeting on December 8, 2021.

Moved by: Williams, Barbara		Seconded by: Robbins , Gary		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
David Scott	X			
Barbara Block	X			
Annie Oosterwyk	X			
Barbara Williams	X			
Gary Robbins	X			
CONTINUED				

III. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

III.1. IWA21-08, 80 Starr Street, Devlin Residence

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

IV.1. Public Communications – None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V.1. October 13, 2021

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 13, 2021, as written.

Moved by: Williams, Barbara		Seconded by: Oosterwyk , Annie		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
David Scott	X			
Barbara Block	X			
Annie Oosterwyk	X			
Barbara Williams	X			
Gary Robbins	X			
APPROVED				

VI. NEW APPLICATIONS

VI.1. New Applications

IWA21-09, 12 Swan Lane, Gentry Residence

Staff noted this is an application for a deck being presented by the property owner. James Gentry presented to Agency regarding building a 10' x 16' above ground deck in the rear of his property. He is proposing to build it at the south and east corner of the house. He explained that the deck would encroach on the existing wetlands buffer. The ground is gravel and the only disturbance would be for the sonotubes. The plan is to dig them by hand and they will most likely be two rows of three tubes.

The Agency asked for information on the actual location of Swan Lane. Gentry explained it is past Fishtown Road on Route 1 and off Judson Avenue. The Agency noted that there are substantial wetlands and an intermittent water course in that vicinity. Gentry believes the distance from the edge of the house to the watercourse is approximately 92'. The deck will

extend 10' off the house into the wetland buffer. There will be no other disturbance or use of heavy equipment. The Agency would like to see the location.

Staff noted that the subject property is part of the Mystic Meadows Subdivision approved in the mid-80's. The subdivision has a wetlands buffer of 75'; however, the applicant as is his right is seeking permission for relief of the buffer. Additionally, the 75' buffer is 5' from the location of the house and does not leave much room for a deck. There is no demarcation on property. The subdivision did receive a Wetlands Permit. There is also a bridge crossing behind the house which extends Judson Avenue out to Route 1.

The Agency scheduled a site walk on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: To classify the application as minor.

Moved by: Block, Barbara		Seconded by: Williams, Barbara		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
David Scott	X			
Barbara Block	X			
Annie Oosterwyk	X			
Barbara Williams	X			
Gary Robbins	X			
PASSED				

VII. PENDING APPLICATIONS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

IX.1. Report of Chair

Reported on the High Street property. The Agency also noted a walk on the Sheep Farm property to see the new bridge which is very impressive.

IX.2. Report of Staff

Staff noted that the mask mandate has been lifted in the Town and meetings may possibly be in person with the start of the new year. Staff explained that the public hearing has been advertised as a virtual meeting via Zoom and will need to be continued as a virtual meeting in December.

X. ADJOURNMENT

X.1. Adjournment
Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Moved by: Oosterwyk , Annie		Seconded by: Block, Barbara		
Committee Members	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
David Scott	X			
Barbara Block	X			
Annie Oosterwyk	X			

Barbara Williams	X			
Gary Robbins	X			
ADJOURNED				