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Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center

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Inland Wetlands Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center Meeting Room “D” and Hosted  
by “Google Meet”

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Monroe, *Chair*; K. Seaman, *Secretary*; and P. Perrefort

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. McCollum, *Inland Wetlands Agent*; Attorney C. Andres, *Land Use Counsel*; and A. Martinez, *Recording Secretary*

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** N. Jordan, *Vice-Chair*; L. Ferguson; J. Oldham; and P. Improta

**MEETING TO ORDER:** D. Monroe called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and the Commissioners and Staff introduced themselves.

**SITE PLAN REVIEWS:**

**#7 Rockwell Road** – Permitted Use as-of Right Ruling Request

The notifier, Mark Bjorken was present and his Attorney Neil R. Marcus was not able to be present for the meeting. Agent McCollum handed out a response from Attorney N. Marcus dated May 14, 2024, and Staff comments to the Commission. Discussion ensued.

Agent McCollum stated Attorney C. Andres, *Land Use Counsel* was in attendance by the Commission’s request. Attorney C. Andres addressed the Commission and gave his feedback on the Application.

D. Monroe opened to the Commission and Public for their comments and questions.

The Commission asked questions and made comments.

Those who spoke:

Brian Blanchette

4 Old Hawleyville Road

Attorney C. Andres answered questions raised by the Commission and Public.

Upon polling the Commission for a consensus, D. Monroe requested Staff prepare a "Resolution of Denial". Discussion ensued.

Motion by K. Seaman, seconded by P. Perrefort to deny a Permitted Use as-of Right Request for the following reasons:

1. The Applicant failed to submit sufficient information for the Commission to determine that the activity proposed is eligible for an exemption. In particular, the Applicant failed to include data including wetlands soils delineation for the Commission to determine that the use did not include removal or deposition of significant amounts of material from or onto a wetland or watercourse or diversion or alteration of a watercourse.
2. Based on the information provided, the Commission believes that the proposed activities constitute activities requiring a Regulated Activities permit.

Vote, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

**IWV-2024-01 #107 Plumtrees Road** – excavation of soil material from a watercourse (Notice of Violation issued 04/16/2024)

Agent McCollum stated property owners could not attend the meeting and are reaching out to an attorney to represent them at the next meeting on 06/24/2024.

D. Monroe requested to continue the discussion during the next meeting on 06/24/2024.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

D. Monroe seated P. Perrefort for N. Jordan for all remaining votes during this meeting.

MINUTES: Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by K. Seaman, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

**STAFF REPORT:**

IAA-2024-02 #81 Turkey Plain Road – additions to existing-single family dwelling (totaling 834 ft.<sup>2</sup>) within a regulated upland review area (administrative approval issued 03/07/2024)

IAA-2024-03 #26 Codfish Hill Road – remove dead trees within a regulated upland review area (administrative approval issued 04/30/2024)

Agent McCollum discussed the above with Commission.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commission requested to continue the discussion on the process of changing the


Inland Wetlands Regulations during the next meeting on 06/24/2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by P. Perrefort, seconded by K. Seaman to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously

Respected submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Martinez', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Martinez  
Recording Secretary