



# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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## INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 11, 2019 7:00 PM TOWN HALL ANNEX, 57 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT

**PRESENT:** Chairman Ken Braga, Vice Chairman Ron Brown, Art Aube, Hocine Baouche and Mike Swanson

**ABSENT:** Steve Hoffman and Jean Burns

### STAFF

**PRESENT:** John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Wetlands Officer and Barbra Galovich, Recording Clerk

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ken Braga called the February 11, 2019 regular meeting of the Ellington Inland Wetlands Agency to order at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ON NON AGENDA ITEMS): None**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING (READING OF LEGAL NOTICE): None**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS: None**

### V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **IW201902** – Melanie & Michael Hitchcock, owner / Jade Construction, applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the installation of a septic system at 136 ½ Tripp Road, APN 032-009-0000.

Jason Reutter, Jade Construction, 144 Webster Road, Ellington, CT was present to represent to application. Mr. Reutter explained the property owner is looking to convert an existing barn into a recreation room with a bathroom at 136 ½ Tripp Road. He stated there is an existing septic system connected to the house and the owners received approval from North Central District Health Department and now seeking approval from the Wetlands Agency for a second septic system with a leach field for the proposed recreation room. The proposed septic system will be over 50' from the existing pond as a 50' distance is required by North Central District Health Department. Mr. Reutter stated he will be installing silt fence between the activity area and the wetlands and there will be no disturbance near the pond. Grading will occur within the 100' upland review area.

**MOVED (BAOUCHE) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A NONSIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY FOR IW201902.**

**MOVED (SWANSON) SECONDED (BAOUCHE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS FOR IW201902** – Melanie & Michael Hitchcock, owner / Jade Construction, applicant, request for a permit to conduct regulated activity for the installation of a septic system at 136 ½ Tripp Road, APN 032-009-0000.

**Conditions:**

1. Silt fence shall be installed then inspected by the Wetland's Agent prior to construction, and remain fully operational until the site is stabilized to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation from entering the wetlands and watercourse.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOVED (BAOUCHE) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED (SWANSON ABSTAINED) TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.**

2. Correspondence/Discussion:

- a. Review of natural resource protection and conservation strategies within the Draft Plan of Conservation and Development Manuscript for the Comprehensive Review and Update Project.
- b. Notice of Violation dated March 6, 2019, Re: 158 Mountain Street.

John Colonese, Wetlands Officer stated a certified forester visited the site in January and submitted a letter with recommendations for the property owner to follow to remedy the situation and enhance the property. Mr. Colonese explained he spoke with the property owner, whom has stated the trees and erosion and sediment control matting have been ordered and he will be contacting Mr. Colonese in April, before proceeding with work.

- c. Letters dated March 6, 2019, to owners of specific properties abutting Shenipsit Lake explaining conditions and restrictions of an existing Conservation Easement.

Mr. Colonese said the existing conservation easement also affects four other parcels. He sent the owners a reminder letter about the conservation easement which runs across their property and included a copy of the agreement and map showing the location.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOVED (BROWN) SECONDED (AUBE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY AT 7:16 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbra Galovich, CZET  
Recording Clerk