

**MINUTES
OLD LYME INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2024**

PRESENT WERE: Rachael Gaudio, Tom Machnik, John Mesham, Mike Miller, Chris Marchant, Todd Crolius, Peter Friel, and Scott Basham.

ABSENT: Jared Bombaci

Chair Gaudio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

24-1 Gerry Karpuska – 62 Sill Lane – Proposal to construct a detached garage with the entrance from Sill Lane.

The commission received the application and set a Site Walk for Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

24-2 – Tim Seckla – 234 Whippoorwill Road – Extend existing garage 28’ north.

The commission received the application and set a Site Walk for Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

24-3 – Brian & Lisa Grenier – 7 Mile Creek Road – Elevation of a single-family residence above floodplain, construction of a building addition connecting the existing garage, and addition of stairs and deck with a handicap lift within the upland review area.

The commission received the application and set a Site Walk for Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tom Machnik made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. John Mesham seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rachael Gaudio abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gaudio reported that the First Selectwomen and the Board of Selectmen are in the process of trying to appoint someone new to the Inland Wetlands Commission because Tom Machnik and Chris Marchant’s terms are up for renewal. Gaudio noted at the last Board of Selectmen meeting this item was tabled because she had an objection to the person being presented who currently sits on two other boards and has a negative history with the land use staff. Gaudio said the First Selectwoman raised the issue and said a Democrat needs to be appointed because currently there are no democrats. Gaudio stated according to the state statute that was cited by the Board of Selectmen because the IWWC is a group of 9 the max of one party is 6. On her reading, it didn’t say both major political parties had to be represented. She stated this commission currently has 5 Republicans and the remainder is unaffiliated. Gaudio requested town counsel make a ruling on this determination. She further stated it was her

understanding that additional applications have now been received by the Board of Selectmen. She stated she requested copies of the applications but has not seen them as of today's meeting.

308-1 Mile Creek Road

Gaudio reported the Land Use Office received a complaint regarding further activity at the gravel permit. As a result, Eric Knapp has sent a letter to Ron Swaney, the owner of the gravel permit.

The commission asked that Mr. Knapp perform a site walk on the property. They asked him to look at the area where the Three Mile River has overtopped the road as well as the area across from Jean Drive in the northeast corner where the working is currently being done.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Groves