

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE AGENCY**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

7:00 p.m.

East Windsor, Connecticut

Meeting held via ZOOM Teleconference

Meeting ID: 332 683 3563

Town Hall closed to the public by

Executive Order of First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza

Due to Coronavirus pandemic

MEETING MINUTES

*******Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting*******

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Bowsza and Chairman Talamini co-hosted this ZOOM Meeting. Chairman Talamini called the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency to order at 7:02 p.m. The Meeting is being held via teleconference due to closure of the Town Hall to the public as the result of the continuing coronavirus epidemic.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Present: Regular Members Rebecca Talamini (Chairman), Alan Baker, Kurt Kebschull, Richard Osborn (Secretary), Richard P. Pippin, Jr (Vice Chairman).

Unable to Attend: Alternate Members Michael Sawka, and Jamie Sydoriak.

Guests/Speakers: **North Light Energy:** Aaron Svedlow; Jonathan Gravel, Jeff Peterson, vhb; Kevin Yasony; Andrew Bosse, Licensed Forester; Mark Kaye.

Public: Jason Bowsza, First Selectman; Charlie Nordell, Selectman; Rich Tuller;
Warehouse Point Fire Department: James Barton.

Chairman Talamini noted the establishment of a quorum with 5 Regular Members as noted above. All Members will sit in on votes this evening via video conference.

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Also in attendance was Wetlands Agent Ruthanne Calabrese.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

MOTION: To ADD to the Agenda under NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED/3) Application #15-2020 – Warehouse Point Fire Department – 89 Bridge Street, East Windsor, CT. Request for an Inland Wetlands Permit to construct a 5,400 square foot addition to existing fire house and parking lot. B-1 Zone; Map 111, Block 12, Lot 002.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

Wetlands Agent Calabrese requested the addition of two locations to update the Commission on violations.

MOTION: To ADD to the Agenda under VIOLATIONS/2) 8 Craftsman Road – Notice of Violation, and 3) 222 South Main Street – Baggott’s Nursery - Cease and Restore.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/1) October 7, 2020 – Regular Meeting:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, as presented.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

Chairman Talamini noted Aaron Svedlow, of North Light Energy, has signed in to the meeting to update the Commission on the status of the solar project proposed for the

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Charbonneau Pit on Apothecaries Hall Road; she suggested the Commission take Mr. Svedlow's presentation next.

MOTION: To GO OUT OF ORDER and take MISCELLANEOUS/1)
Informal Discussion: Update from Aaron Svedlow of North Light
Energy, regarding Gravel Pit Solar 1, 2, and 3, solar power
development on properties ranging from Apothecaries Hall Road, to
NORCAP, to Back 124, to Markowski properties on Plantation Road
next.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

MISCELLANEOUS/1) Informal Discussion: Update from Aaron Svedlow of North
Light Energy, regarding Gravel Pit Solar 1, 2, and 3, solar power development on
properties ranging from Apothecaries Hall Road, to NORCAP, to Back 124, to
Markowski properties on Plantation Road:

Mr. Svedlow introduced himself, and Jonathan Gravel, also of North Light Energy, and Jeff Peterson, of vhb, members of the project team for the solar power development known as Gravel Pit Solar 1, 2, and 3.

First Selectman Bowsza shared the screen as Mr. Svedlow gave a slide presentation to augment his discussion. (See Attachment A). Mr. Svedlow was assisted during the presentation by Jonathan Gravel and Jeff Peterson.

Mr. Svedlow noted the proposal is for a 120 megawatt facility utilizing 485 acres of a total 726 acre site running from Apothecaries Hall Road through to Plantation Road. The project will close 2 existing gravel pits; the site is bisected by the railroad line (shown as the purple line on the site location slide).

Mr. Svedlow noted the location of Ketch Brook within the site, and a smaller wetlands of lower quality. He indicated they've done significant environmental studies of bird and reptile species, and are consulting with DEEP Natural Diversity Database regarding identifying significant plant species; Mr. Jonathan Gravel noted they will need to take down some trees and clear up to the smaller wetlands to prepare the site.

Mr. Svedlow noted the gravel pits are currently impacted by significant ATV activity. As the site is developed and the arrays installed the site will be fenced in which should prohibit or reduce the continued ATV use. Mr. Jeff Peterson referenced photos reflecting the effect of the ATV activity on the brook crossings.

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Chairman Talamini questioned if they would be crossing over the stream, or creating a bridge between the sections of the project? Mr. Svedlow identified the stream as the blue line crossing through the site. He noted they don't want to create any impact to Ketch Brook, and hope to improve the quality of the brook while working at the site. They are not proposing any bridge or crossing of the brook, but rather plan to directionally bore under the wetlands to connect the portions of the project. Mr. Svedlow also noted they have been working with the DEEP Stormwater and Wildlife Divisions and the State Historic Preservation Office regarding identification of protected species.

Mr. Svedlow reported their application is currently before the Connecticut Siting Council, where an evidentiary hearing will be held on November 12th; they hope to have the project approved by January, 2021 and begin construction in the Fall of 2021.

Commissioner Baker requested copies of the slide presentation for the Commission. Mr. Svedlow indicated he would provide links to the Siting Council as well.

Mr. Svedlow thanked the Commission for their time, and indicated that if any of the Commissioners would like to walk the property to contact him for access.

MOTION: To GO BACK to the posted Agenda order.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED/1) #12-2020 - Kevin Yasony – 343
North Road – access road and construction of small structure overlooking the
Scantic River. A-2 Zone; Map 107, Block 26, Lot 041:

Mr. Yasony joined the Commission virtually.

Mr. Yasony reported nothing has changed from his informal discussion with the Commission held previously. He intends to build a small (16' x 16') structure with deck overlooking the Scantic River. He'll be clearing the old abandoned farm road starting at the pump station, and adding gravel to create a solid access. He'll also install a gate to prevent public access to the structure. Mr. Yasony indicated he'll need to take down 2 or 3 small trees to clear the accessway.

Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported that all the work proposed by Mr. Yasony will be in the upland review area; the trees will be cut flush at the ground. None of the proposed

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work will be occurring in the wetlands; Mr. Yasony intends to do the work by hand rather than using construction equipment. Mr. Yasony confirmed that the structure will be built on blocks; no excavation will occur in the wetlands.

Commissioner Osborn recalled that several years ago, in the 1980s, the Wetlands Commission had approved a similar structure for a resident; the resident subsequently constructed a home/residence, claiming the Commission had given permission for the home under the original Wetlands Permit. Commissioner Osborn questioned if this permit approval could result in a similar situation? In the past case the person subsequently went for a Zoning Permit and said the Wetlands Permit allowed a residence.

Mr. Yasony indicated he would not construe approval of a residence under this requested Wetlands Permit. He also noted the area proposed for the construction is narrow. Wetlands Agent Calabrese suggested a Zoning Permit would be required to construct a home; part of the due diligence for the Zoning Permit would be researching the Wetlands Permit. Mr. Yasony has cited this structure is for recreational use.

Commissioner Pippin suggested adding a condition referencing the 16' x 16' structure for recreational rather than residential use; Commissioner Osborn found that recommendation agreeable. Commissioner Baker questioned the Commission's ability to add conditions which cited zoning issues such as the type of structure.

Commissioner Kebschull questioned if this would be a place Mr. Yasony might want to be able to launch a kayak? Mr. Yasony suggested he might consider purchasing a kayak in the future but he wouldn't be putting in a dock or launch area. Chairman Talamini noted the American Heritage River Commission used to launch kayaks and small boats at the pump station mentioned by Mr. Yasony, but this proposal wouldn't prohibit that use.

Wetlands Agent Calabrese reminded the Commission that this Application was on the Agenda to be accepted, and she questioned if the Commission would consider accepting this permit as an Agent Decision so Mr. Yasony could proceed with his construction? The Commission concurred.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the permit application as an AGENT DECISION
Application #12-2020 - Kevin Yasony – 343 North Road – access road
and construction of small shed/deck structure overlooking the Seantie
River to support recreational enjoyment of property. A-2 Zone;
Map 107, Block 26, Lot 041, with the standard 14 conditions.

Pippin moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Addition of additional condition referencing structure is for recreational purposes vs. residential structure. Commissioner Baker questioned the Commission's ability to condition the proposed use;

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the Commission agreed to reflect the recreational use as part of the approval.

Referenced Plans: Sketch provided by applicant.

Standard Conditions

1. This Permit is valid for a period of Five (5) years from the date of issuance OR will be valid until the companion planning/zoning permit approval expires but shall not exceed 10 years. Any regulated activity approved by the Agency shall be completed within one year from the time such activity is commenced, provided the Agency may establish a seasonal restriction within which any regulated activity shall be conducted and may require that an activity, once commenced, be completed within a time period of less than one year and further provided the Agency may extend: (1) the time period of the original permit provided such period shall not extend beyond ten years from the date such permit was granted, or (2) the time period within which an activity, once commenced, is required to be completed under this section.
2. The Commission or its designated agent must be notified in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of permitted activities, and upon completion of said activities.
3. The burden to extend the approved timeframe for the regulated activity (and the time period for the original permit) is on the Permittee; the Town of East Windsor is not required to give notice of the permit's expiration.
4. This permit shall not be assigned or transferred without the approval of the Agency OR Agent.
5. This document shall be included in all construction contracts and sub-contracts dealing with the work proposed and shall supersede all other contract requirements.
6. During the construction phase, the applicant shall be responsible for maintaining a copy of this permit at the site.
7. The Permittee shall permit the Chairman of the Inland Wetland Agency, or its authorized representative(s) or designee(s) to make periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary in order to assure that the activity being performed under authority of this Permit is in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed herein.
8. Prior to the start of construction, adequate erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be implemented, and shall be maintained throughout the entire construction phase in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control until the site has become stabilized with permanent

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vegetative cover. The construction site shall be left in a stable condition at the close of each day. An adequate stockpile of erosion control materials shall be on site at all times for emergency or routine replacement and shall include materials to repair silt fences, haybales, stone-riprap filter dikes or any other devices planned for use during construction. Additional erosion control measures are to be installed as directed by the Town Staff if field conditions necessitate.

9. These permit conditions apply only to the work approved by this permit. Any other work to be done within the area of regulatory interest shall require the filing of a new or modified Inland Wetlands Application for consideration by the Commission.
10. If any alteration of the wetland/resource area does occur, the Commission shall impose such measures as it finds necessary to protect and restore those areas.
11. All temporary barriers, including erosion and sedimentation controls are to be removed (in suitable weather conditions) upon completion of the project.
12. A copy of the As-Built plan shall be submitted to this Commission/Wetland Agent upon completion of the project. The as-built will be reviewed by the wetland agent and verified in the field.
13. The Commission reserves the right to impose additional conditions on any or all portions of this project that could impact an area of regulatory interest under the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.
14. The permit holder will submit a start work notice and contractor's compliance statement to the Wetlands Agent prior to starting any work authorized by this permit. Copies are attached.

Pippin moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE by show of hands: **In Favor:** **Pippin/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull**
 Opposed: **No one**
 Abstained: **Osborn**

NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED/2) As-of-Right Determination –
Andrew Bosse, forester; Owner: Besheret, LLC. Winkler Road, A-1 Zone; Map
095, Block 24, Lot 065: (NOTE: This Application was assigned IWWA #14-2020
after receipt of signed copy)

Joining the Commission were Andrew Bosse, Licensed Forester, and Mark Kaye, owner of the property under the title Besheret, LLC.

Wetlands Agent Calabrese advised the Commission this is a request for an As-of-Right

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determination for timbering on property on Winkler Road.

Mr. Bosse introduced himself, noting he's a Licensed Forester. He would be the consultant on this project, which he would put out to bid to a contractor.

Mr. Bosse noted the property contains approximately 25+/- acres on the east side of Winkler Road south of the airport. Mr. Bosse felt the property had been logged 20 or more years ago. A staging area would be located at the northwest corner of the property in the driest area. The property is flat; the main logging trail would head southeast and north. The soils map indicates a small area of wetlands (indicated in light blue on the location map) but Mr. Bosse suggested the referenced area isn't that wet. Mr. Bosse would require that the logging contract include a condition that the work must be done when the property is frozen, or dry like it's been this Summer. He would require an anti-tracking pad installed at the project entrance to keep dirt off the road; the trails will be regraded and reseeded at the end of the project. Mr. Bosse suggested this is a standard logging project.

Commissioner Osborn questioned if the property contained any vernal pools? Mr. Bosse replied affirmatively, noting vernal pools have been identified in the dark blue area along the northern boundary line; he noted the project wouldn't extend to that area as there isn't much lumber in that location.

Commissioner Osborn cited past experience with logging operations has been that once the equipment starts moving in an area things change. He cited a previous logging operation which occurred on Rye Street where a lot of timber was left on the site.

Commissioner Osborn questioned the reference to clear-cutting 2 acres towards the front of the property. Mr. Bosse suggested there is the potential for that activity within this request, as the owner might want to use that area for personal use for fruit trees and a garden. That area is in the northwest corner which is the drier area. Commissioner Osborn questioned that the 2 acres fronts on Winkler Road? Mr. Bosse concurred, noting that the area was identified as prime farmland/agricultural land.

Commissioner Kebschull questioned the size of the logging trucks. Mr. Bosse suggested they're usually triaxle, although it would depend on the contractor chosen. They could also be flatbed trucks. Commissioner Kebschull agreed with Commissioner Osborn; logging contractors often tend to rip up the land during the projects. Mr. Bosse indicated he'll try to avoid creating those issues.

Referencing Mr. Bosse's harvest plan Commissioner Baker questioned how many trees would be logged under the 109,000 board foot reference? Mr. Bosse estimated a little

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over 500 trees. Commissioner Baker questioned if Mr. Bosse could estimate the percentage of trees on the site that number would represent? Mr. Bosse didn't know specifically but estimated 20 to 25% of the parcel. Commissioner Baker questioned if that included the 2 acres of clear-cutting? Mr. Bosse replied affirmatively. Commissioner Baker questioned if the consideration for the clear-cutting of the 2 acres was based on saleable trees? Mr. Bosse felt it may be based on cost vs. income generated from the timber.

Commissioner Baker acknowledged the skepticism of fellow Commissioners; he agreed there have been some lazy logging operations that have occurred in Town. He cited it would be good to understand what's meant by best management practices; he questioned if Mr. Bosse would allow a Commission member to see what's planned and check in occasionally during the logging operation? Mr. Bosse indicated he would be happy to take a Commissioner around if the property owner gave permission.

Mr. Kaye, the property owner, indicated that one of the reasons for proposing the logging operation is it's important to him to clear the land for its long term use; it's not all about the generated income. With regard to logging 25% of the trees, Mr. Kaye suggested they felt that was a good amount to maintain the character of the parcel. Commissioner Baker replied he didn't see that as a bad thing if it's done correctly. He noted this area is part of a larger wetlands area so the Commissioners have their concerns. Mr. Kaye indicated he would be comfortable with the Commissioners visiting the site. Chairman Talamini reiterated the Commissioners concerns regarding the other logging sites.

Commissioner Osborn questioned if the timber is mostly oak? Mr. Bosse suggested oak, pine, and Red Maple.

Commissioner Pippin felt it would be better if the logging is done when the ground is frozen rather than when it's dry. Commissioner Pippin questioned whether the trees could be cut to length and loaded in the field to limit the amount of debris left behind. He also asked if the logging trucks would back in from Winkler Road?

Mr. Bosse suggested, to Commissioner Pippin's first point, regarding cutting the timber to length, it depends on the type of harvesting equipment they use. Since a decision on which contractor will perform the work has not been determined, he could not ensure cutting timber to length on the trail was possible. Mr. Bosse did offer that the contractor will be required to clean up the site of debris upon completion of the harvest.

Mr. Bosse did confirm that logging trucks would back into the property from Winkler Road.

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With regard to the other logging operations Mr. Bosse indicated he can't speak to those; he wasn't involved in any of those projects. This is his first project in East Windsor. Mr. Bosse cited his experience with other logging operations/projects. He noted he's currently working with the city of Torrington so he's used to municipal oversight.

Hearing no further request for comments or questions Chairman Talamini called for a motion.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the As-of-Right Determination for the Application of Andrew Bosse, forester; Owner: Besheret, LLC. Winkler Road, A-1 Zone; Map 095, Block 24, Lot 065.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED//3) Application #15-2020 – Warehouse Point Fire Department – 89 Bridge Street, East Windsor, CT. Request for an Inland Wetlands Permit to construct a 5,400 square foot addition to existing fire house and parking lot. B-1 Zone; Map 111, Block 12, Lot 002.

Tim Coon, of J. R. Russo & Associates joined the Commission virtually. Mr. Coon is representing the Warehouse Point Fire Department regarding this application. Chief James Barton was also signed into the meeting.

First Selectman Bowsza shared the screen for Mr. Coon to present the Site Plan for the 5,400 square addition to Station 1 located on the south side of Bridge Street. Mr. Coon noted the addition, and associated parking, will abut the Blue Ditch, which begins at the culvert at Bridge Street and runs south along the east side of the property line. Mr. Coon noted they will be expanding the parking in front of the station, and relocating some parking to the east.

Mr. Coon indicated that currently the runoff flows into Blue Ditch untreated. They are proposing to sheet flow the runoff into a riprap swale and stormwater retention basin which will include the treated area. The site is within the regulated area but the direct impact to the wetlands is at the outlet so they will bring the riprap up to the level of the Blue Ditch.

Mr. Coon noted the Application is on the Agenda for receipt tonight; the Application will be heard at the next meeting and after staff review.

Chairman Talamini called for comments or questions from the Commissioners.

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Commissioner Pippin questioned if the area referenced by Mr. Coon was the area of the Blue Ditch where the consultants didn't want to retain the water but preferred to move the water out of the area and into the river? Would it be better to put the water into the Blue Ditch and move it out? Mr. Coon noted he understood there is a study underway which includes new Zoning Regulations, and, he agreed, usually it would be better to get the water to the river but, in this case, there may be a couple of culverts which have restrictions which could create flooding. Commissioner Baker noted he's sat through numerous hours of discussion on the study of the stormwater management of the Blue Ditch. When he saw this proposal to handle the runoff in this area and the increase in impervious coverage he was concerned that it would create flooding for the houses nearby because the culverts are silted in. Mr. Coon indicated the proposal fits the regulation requirements, and meets the allowable impervious coverage for the zone; this proposal also provides treatment of the runoff as well.

Chairman Talamini questioned if there was a catch basin in the parking lot currently? Mr. Coon replied negatively, noting there's a catch basin in the rear near the concrete pad at the back of the station, which is where the building addition is going. They are proposing for everything to sheet flow across the parking lot to the Blue Ditch.

Commissioner Baker suggested the comments from Town Engineer Norton will be available for the Commission's next meeting.

MOTION: To RECEIVE Application #15-2020 – Warehouse Point Fire Department – 89 Bridge Street, East Windsor, CT. Request for an Inland Wetlands Permit to construct a 5,400 square foot addition to existing fire house and parking lot. B-1 Zone; Map 111, Block 12, Lot 002.

Pippin moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Review/Approval of 2021 Meeting dates:

MOTION: To APPROVE the 2021 Meeting dates for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency as presented.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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**VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

AGENT VIEW AND DECISIONS/1) #13-2020 - Daniel Donahue – 43 Rolocut Road – Construction of a free-standing 200 square foot pool deck. A-1 Zone; Map 126, Block 27, Lot 013-01A.

Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported this Application request is for the installation of a deck to an existing pool located within the upland review area of this property. Wetlands Agent Calabrese felt the request was reasonable.

Chairman Talamini reported the area behind all the homes in that area are wet; she sees no problem with the Application. Commissioner Pippin concurred; the other Commissioners agreed.

No motion made; consensus of Commission concurred with determination of Agent Decision.

STATUS REPORTS

VIOLATIONS/1. Golden Gavel – 143 North Road – Update – Cease & Restore:

Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported she inspected the site today. They have removed the demolition debris that was deposited on the embankment, and reseeded and hayed the area. She'll be sending out a letter noting the completion of the restoration.

VIOLATIONS/2. 8 Craftsman Road – Notice of Violation:

Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported there is a swale in the back of 8 Craftsman Road which washed out, and exposed electrical conduit to the transformer for the WPCA pump station nearby. There was much discussion regarding responsibility for the damage. She has sent a letter/Notice of Violation to the property owner of 8 Craftsman Road, and the property manager for that location as well.

VIOLATIONS/3. 222 South Main Street – Baggott's Nursery - Cease and Restore:

Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported this activity was recently brought to her attention.

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The Planning Office also received a phone call this morning from someone who was passing by the site and saw trucks going in with fill material. On inspection she estimates the activity has been going on for over a year. They are clearing the area down the slope and filling with new material; she estimated between ½ to ¾ of an acre has been filled. Wetlands Agent Calabrese advised the Commission she is sending out a Cease and Restore Notice tomorrow. She advised the Commission they would then need to hold a hearing on the activity within 10 days of the date of the signed receipt; the hearing would be scheduled under a Special Meeting of the Commission.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Chairman Talamini advised the Commission she had recently been out on the Scantic River Trail in the vicinity of North Road and noticed that there is a dirt road on the Kement/North Road Materials property leading down to the river which would be covered with water if the Scantic River flooded. Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported she will be meeting with someone from the family; the annual compliance review for the special permit is also due for renewal. She reviewed the location on GIS and feels the road has been there for some time.

Commissioner Baker advised the Commission he walked that area himself today and has taken photos; he questioned if the road is part of the permit for North Road Materials? Commissioner Baker suggested the area should have erosion controls installed.

Wetlands Agent Calabrese suggested it's a dirt road leading to a flat spot along the river. Wetlands Agent Calabrese and Commissioner Baker agreed to meet at the property to review the conditions.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING:

Classes have not resumed due to COVID.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Wetlands Agent Calabrese noted receipt of an e-mail, which was copied to Commissioner Baker, from Jim Giorgio requesting release of an Erosion Control Bond for 4 Goldfinch Court and 1 Sparrow Lane at Newberry Village. Wetlands Agent Calabrese reported she had e-mailed advising him to maintain Erosion and Sedimentation controls in the area; he returned photos of what he's done. She'll be inspecting the property prior to considering release of the bond. She also noted he cut down a hazard tree the Homeowners Association was concerned about.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

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Commissioner Kebschull reported the DEEP training has been suspended due to computer upgrades. Commissioner Baker noted the Planning Office had CDs which had previously been used for training; he suggested they could be lent out to Commissioner Kebschull. It was noted the Planning Office has not yet been reconfigured after its recent move; the current location of the training CDs is questionable.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Discussion on non-Agenda items only):

Chairman Talamini queried the public for comments; no one requested to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Pippin moved/Osborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE by show of hands: In Favor: Pippin/Osborn/Baker/Talamini/Kebschull
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

Respectfully submitted:


Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Aaron Svedlow, North Light Energy

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Attachment A

Project Update

Wetlands Commission
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Overview

The Basics:

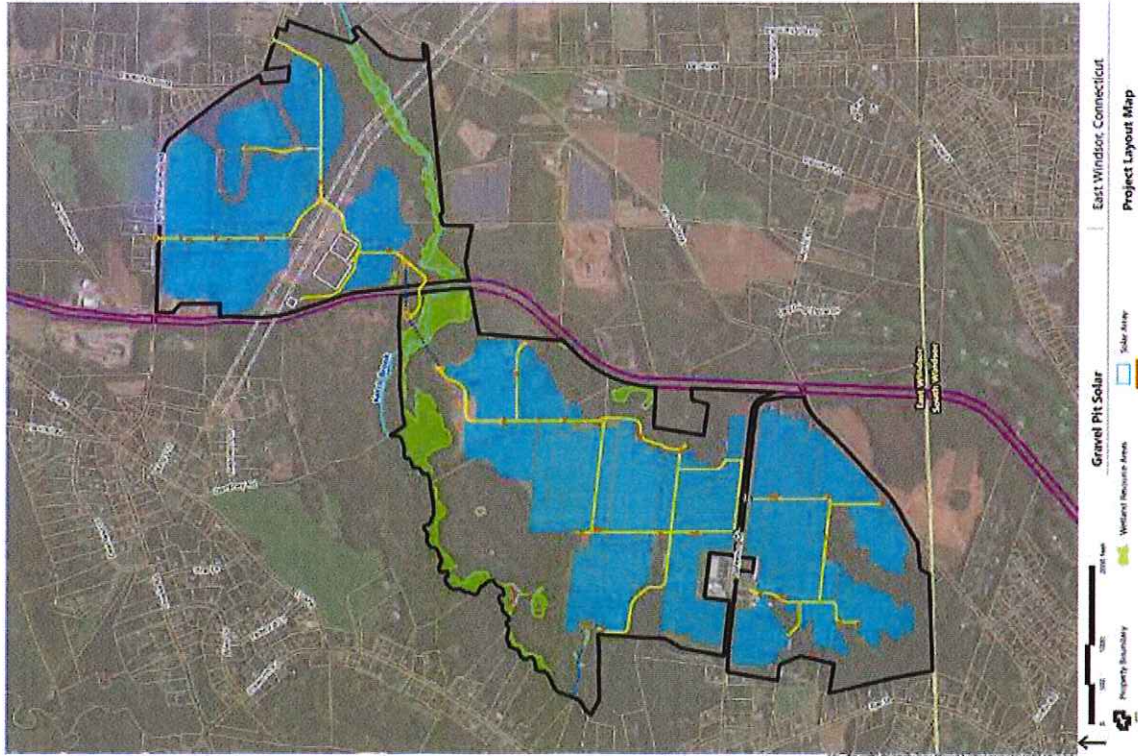
- 120 MW – enough clean energy to power over 12,000 homes
- Utilizing approximately 485 acres of the 726-acre project site
- Permanent closure of two sand and gravel pits
- Substantial economic benefits to the town

Simple Construction:

- Minor grading outside of gravel pit areas
- Typical light construction equipment

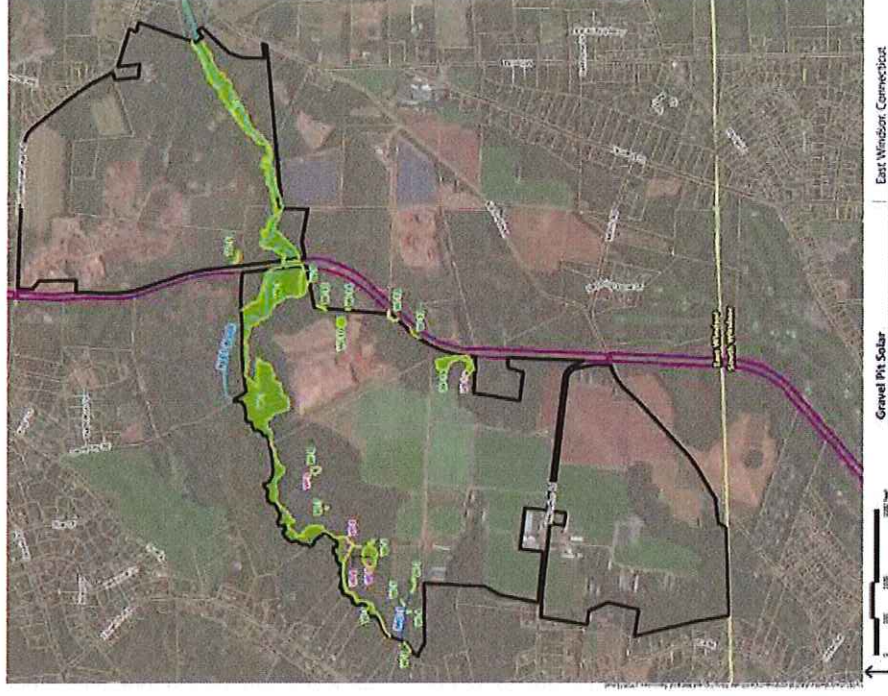
Quite Neighbor:

- Limited traffic, sound, and maintenance after construction
- No town services needed



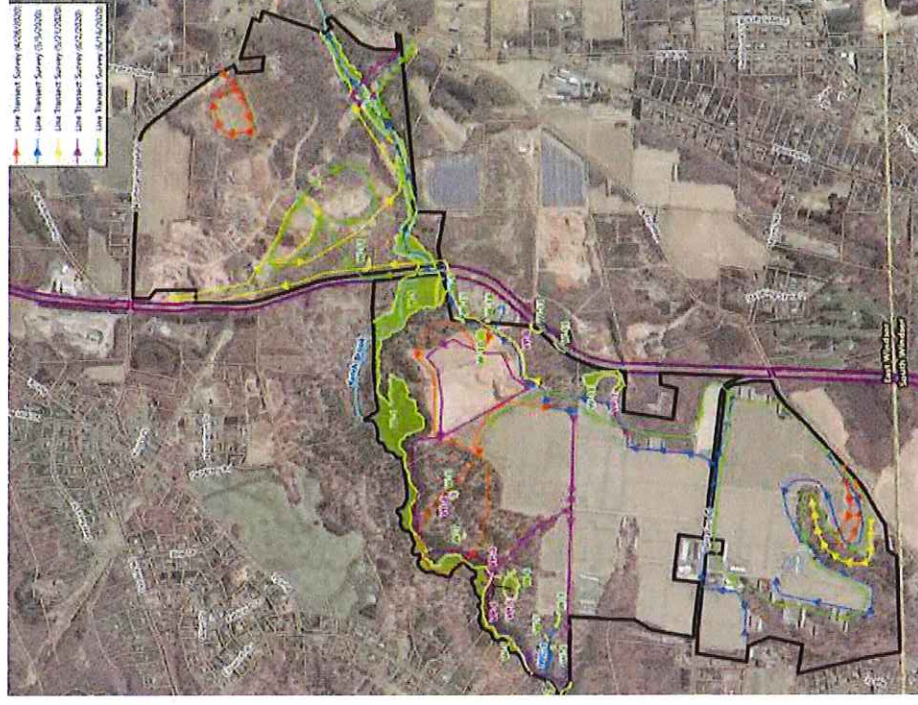
Wetlands

- Delineation per the CT Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act was completed within the Project Site between November 2019 and April 2020.
- 16 wetland systems within the Project Site, 13 of which are within in the Project Area, as well as one perennial watercourse, one intermittent watercourse, and six vernal pools



Wildlife

- Wildlife resources were characterized through a series of investigations, including RTE species surveys:
 - Bird and reptile surveys
 - Vernal pool and stream surveys,
 - Rare plant, invertebrate and host-plant species for State-listed Lepidoptera.
- Field efforts were conducted between fall of 2019 and July 2020.
- CT DEEP NDDDB conversations are ongoing



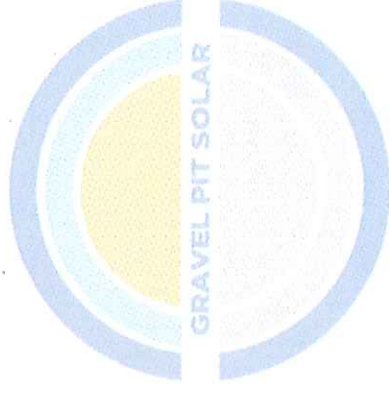
Other

- In addition to wetlands and wildlife, we have been working closely with the DEEP Stormwater and Wildlife divisions, and the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Other assessments have included:
 - Geotechnical
 - Soil
 - Sound
 - Electric and Magnetic Field
 - Carbon Debt Analysis
- ATV traffic, especially near Ketch Brook will be reduced or eliminated as a result of the project.



Project Update

- State Siting Council will hold an evidentiary public hearing on Nov. 12, 2020 for the Project's Certificate
- Working closely with Eversource on interconnection
- We have plans for:
 - Agricultural soil protection
 - Decommissioning
 - Emergency management and evacuation
 - Landscape mitigation
 - Operations and maintenance
 - Spill presentation, control, and countermeasure



Schedule

Looking back

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

- Introduce project to Town leadership
- Complete majority of site characterization studies
- File draft CSC application with Town (May 22, 2020)

Summer – Fall 2020

- Address Town comments to CSC application
- File CSC application
- Continue stakeholder engagement
- Complete wildlife studies

Looking forward

Winter – Spring 2021

- CSC approval (as early as 1/27/2021)

Summer – Fall 2021

- Start civil construction
- Grading in gravel mines

Winter – Fall 2022

- Array construction
- Completion of construction late 2022
- Punchlist items completed in early 2023

Beyond 2022

- Quite neighbor and taxpayer





Questions?

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