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March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a Virtual Special Meeting on March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Dill (acting chair), Patrick Crowley, Beverly Crowther, Sue Hessel, Christine Darnell (seated alternate), Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary.
Absent Members: Paul Armond, Ben Kegley, and Tom Reynolds

Dill called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Seat Alternate Member

Alternate member Christine Darnell was seated for absent regular member Paul Armond.

SPECIAL MEETING

Ryan Brouwer and Anna Salvatore, 3 Avenue B, Tax Map 40.2 Lot 3, Cease and Desist issued for unauthorized clearing of land within a regulated area.

Present: Ryan Brouwer

Dill asked Brouwer to explain why he is before the commission.

Brouwer stated that he spoke with Byrne and received a cease and desist letter regarding some cutting he had done on his property. He stated that he was not aware of the boundaries of wetlands on his property and did not realize he was doing anything wrong.

Byrne stated that when the builder built the house he had to have the wetlands flagged and the ribbons should still be on the property. The builder came to the commission for permission to install a septic in the regulated area and there are several restrictions on the property.

Dill stated that the site plan should show the boundaries for the regulated area and asked if Brouwer has a copy of the site plan. Brouwer said that he does not have a copy.

Hessel asked why the trees were cut and Brouwer explained that he was removing trees that were close to the house and septic because he did not want them to fall and damage the house.

Dill stated that any cutting in the future should be approved by Byrne or the commission prior to beginning any work.

Crowther reviewed the reasons why protecting the wetlands is important, including improved drainage and providing habitat for animals and Darnell added that it is important to protect the vegetative buffer between the wetlands and the lawn.

Brouwer said that he is open to any suggestions that the commission has for replanting the area and apologized for not getting permission before removing the trees.

Darnell offered to visit the site with Byrne in order to understand the environment and make replanting suggestions that are most likely to thrive in the area. The commission and Brouwer agreed to this course of action. A site visit will be scheduled for Monday March 29th and a remediation plan will be given to the ZEO to present to the commission at the next meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, Dill adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary