

**APPROVED 5-25-22**  
**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**  
**MINUTES**  
Inland Wetlands Commission

Minutes of the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at the Mildred A. Wakeley Community and Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, in the Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank H. Bumsted, Chairman  
Steven Miller, Vice Chairman  
John R. Whitcomb, Acting Secretary  
James Lorusso, Jr.  
Pamela Sletten, Alternate  
James Thompson, Alternate

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Joseph L. Tenedine  
Cheryl A. Juniewicz  
Anna Garsten

**TOWN STAFF:**

Alan Fredricksen, Land Use Administrator  
J. Andrew Bevilacqua, Town Engineer  
Genevieve Bertolini, Stenographer  
Pam Miller, Clerk

**AGENDA:**

Mr. Bumsted, Chairman called the meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission to order at 7:03 PM and introduced the Commission and town staff. Then, Mr. Bumsted asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Fredricksen stated that there were none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mr. Whitcomb, acting Secretary, read the call for the Public Hearing.

1. #I22-01 Application of Timothy J. Lee, Applicant, The Slate School, Inc, Owner, relative to 91 & 103 Kings Highway and 124 Mansfield Road, (Map 83, Lots 2 & 92 and Map 77, Lot 17), seeking a Permit to Conduct Regulated Activity and a Site Plan Referral. Plan Entitled: Slate Upper School. Prepared by: SLR. Dated: February 25, 2022. Scale 1"=40'. R-40 Zoning District.

Attorney Timothy Lee with Fasano, Ippolito, Lee & Florentine, LLC, presented the application for a Permit to Conduct Regulated Activity and a Site Plan Referral to permit the redevelopment of these two residential properties as the “Slate Upper School”, a private school for grades 7 through 12, abutting the Slate Lower School. Attorney Lee stated that the project proposes no direct impacts on the wetlands.

Tom Daly, Engineer with SLR Consulting, presented the site plan and aerial photo: Exhibit A (site plan layout). He described the parcels, topography, and the wetland areas. He explained the site plan including the driveway, parking, and school building. A pedestrian boardwalk is proposed on wooden piers connecting the parent drop-off to the school building. Mr. Daly discussed the utilities and the minor grading proposed in the upland review area. He then presented the planting plan and storm water plan.

Megan Raymond, Soil Scientist at SLR, described the wetlands on 91 and 103 Kings Highway and stated they have about 3 acres of wetlands in total. She gave her analysis of the properties and stated there is no evidence of endangered species.

Suzanne Schore, Landscape Architect with SLR. Explained the landscaping plan and answered the questions of the Commission. She explained the proposed plantings and evergreen buffer.

Tom Daly, discussed the conservation easement and the sewer easement.

The Commission asked questions and Tom Daly and Megan Raymond responded.

Mr. Bumsted asked for public comment.

1. Joe Ciarleglio, 107 Kings Highway - asked about the utilities and the septic design.
2. Lana Ives, of Mansfield Road - asked about the easements and open space.
3. Dwight Stover, 72 Kings Highway - asked about the existing barn.
4. Tom White, 67 Summer Lane - stated the maps are very detailed and the applicants are very mindful of the environment. He is impressed with the project.

Mr. Daly and Attorney Lee responded to the public comment.

There being no further public comment, the application was continued to the 27 April 2022 meeting.

#### **DELIBERATIONS:**

1. #I22-01 Application of Timothy J. Lee, Applicant, The Slate School, Inc, Owner, relative to 91 & 103 Kings Highway and 124 Mansfield Road.

Mr. Miller moved to continue the Application; Mr. Whitcomb seconded the motion.  
The Commission voted as follows:

Bumsted – aye Miller – aye Whitcomb – aye Lorusso – aye Sletten – aye Thompson – aye

The application was continued to the 27 April meeting.

**INFORMAL:** None

**OTHER:**

- 5 Mile Brook Channel Clearing

Andy Bevilacqua, Town Engineer, presented a plan for channel clearing to remove trees that fell across the brook during a tornado. He stated that government funding has been received for the project and the work will be done by a contractor. He then presented photos of the property and wetlands and described the proposed project.

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS:** None

**EXTENSIONS:**

- 343 & 379 Clintonville Road

Mr. Fredricksen discussed the request for one (6) six month extension for the application.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the extension; Mr. Lorusso seconded the motion.

The Commission voted as follows:

Bumsted – aye Miller – aye Whitcomb – aye Lorusso – aye Sletten – aye Thompson – aye

**PERMITTED USES AS OF RIGHT:** None

**BOND RELEASES & REDUCTIONS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MINUTES:**

- January 26, 2022

Mr. Lorusso moved to approve the January 26, 2022 meeting minutes; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The Commission voted as follows:

Bumsted – aye Miller – aye Whitcomb – aye Lorusso – aye Sletten – aye

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Sletten seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.