



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Wetlands Official's Office

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Wetlands Official's Report: IWWC Regular Meeting October 4, 2022

URA Permits:

Permit IWWC#22-16URA – Multi-Use Pathway – Town of Ledyard

- Property owner/Applicant: Weston & Sampson/Fred Allyn, III
- Proposed construction of a multi-use pathway along Colonel Ledyard Highway
- There will be storm drainage improvements along the highway significantly improving water quality measures.
- All catch basins will have two-foot sumps, outfalls will have riprap splash pads, and a hydrodynamic separator before proposed outfall into the wetlands.

Permit IWWC#22-19URA – Lantern Hill Rd. Bridge – Town of Ledyard

- Property owner/Applicant: Town of Ledyard
- Previously approved application that has expired
- New application has funding from Federal, State, and Local (Ledyard, Stonington) governments.

Site Walks

Sept 12

- Pumpkin Hill Rd.- Check on report of logging operation. We drove all around the area and didn't see any evidence of logging or and heavy equipment use.
- 10 Arrowhead Lane- Met with David LaChapelle who was cited by DEEP for work that he had done in the tidal wetlands review area without a permit. He needed help in filling out forms required by DEEP as part of his remediation. Even though this is not in our jurisdiction, we looked at the work he did which consisted of capping off an existing stone wall along Poquetanuck Cove. If this were in an upland area, it would be considered maintenance but DEEP is being aggressive in their actions and levied a hefty fine as well.
- 94, 96, 98 Stoddard's Wharf Rd. - Met with Peter Gardner and Harry Heller who are developing the property with 36 three-bedroom houses on 9.21 acres. This is affordable housing which overrides zoning regulations. The houses all have wells and septic systems with at least three of them being within 30' of a watercourse owned by the Town of Groton. They have been notified but as yet have not responded.

Sept 15

- 615 Shewville Rd. I had previously approved the new house as shown on the plan which was all outside of the URA. When Tom went to the site to check on a zoning issue, he noticed a wet area in the road over an old crossing. We both agreed that it looked like a wetland crossing and contacted Peter Gardner. He agreed to meet us there at a later date.
- 97 Lambtown Rd. -Tom and I met with the Lamb family who are dairy farmers. They have a rather large farm pond that is overgrown with vegetation and is restricting their operations. They would like to dredge the pond and make an area where the cows water more accessible to them. Right now, it's very muddy. This is an allowed use for a farming operation but still requires IWWC approval. They had a recent plan of the property that showed boundaries and had the wetlands delineated. They will be applying for an as-of-right permit.

Sept 23

- 615 Shewville Rd. – I met with Peter Gardner, Ian Cole, and Michael Bliven, property owner, to look at the crossing. Ian Explained why the crossing should not be called a wetlands and showed some historic aerial photos showing the crossing. Also Mr. Bliven said that his family has owned the property for 200 years and flooding was never an issue. Peter suggested using riprap to widen the road to the required 12' and fill in the swale to make the road level. Everyone agreed that this was a sensible alternative. Peter will update the plan to show this.

Sept 26

- Jordan Sostre, 8 Clark Lane asked me to look at his property to see if I had any suggestions on how he could prevent water from his neighbors pond from flooding his land. The neighbor has a small pond that overflows under heavy rain. We agreed that digging a sump and placing a pipe along his driveway and emptying into an existing storm drain should solve the problem. No work will be done within the 100' URA.

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