

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present:	S. Accorsi, P. Aho, L. Cooley, C. Cotton, K. Fratoni, D. Plante, K. Rawn, and V. Ward
Members Absent:	B. Chandy
Alternates Present:	J. Devivo,
Staff Present:	L. Painter, Director of Planning and Development; J. Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Aho called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present are Accorsi, Aho, Cooley, Cotton, Fratoni, Plante, Rawn, Ward and alternate Devivo. Alternate Devivo is seated for absent member Chandy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ward MOVED, Plante seconded approval of the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Field Trip notes for June 14, 2021 were noted for the record.

COMMUNICATIONS

The June 16, 2021 minutes of the Conservation Commission were noted for the record. No monthly business report was provided.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

W1621 Application of R. Cardinal for a Single Family Dwelling, Onsite Septic System and Drinking Water Well, and a Driveway with a Wetland Crossing on property located on the Northside of Pleasant Valley Road, immediately east of 149-155 Pleasant Valley Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 36.88.90)

The public hearing was opened at 6:35. Members present are Accorsi, Aho, Cooley, Cotton, Fratoni, Plante, Rawn, Ward and alternate Devivo. Alternate Devivo is seated for absent member Chandy.

Painter read the guidelines for the public hearing. Kaufman read the legal notice and noted her staff report dated June 28, 2021, the Conservation Commission minutes of June 14, 2021 and Derek Dilaj, Assistant Town Engineers comments dated July 2, 2021.

Matt Maynard, Towne Engineering, presented the proposal on behalf the applicant, indicating that there would be two disturbances to the wetlands associated with a driveway and single-family dwelling and driveway. The SFD will be surrounded by an acre of lawn. Aho asked why the existing farm road was not considered as the driveway.

Mr. Cardinal stated that the culvert in the existing farm road is not in good condition and he wished to keep the farm road and residential driveway separate. Cooley asked if he planned to repair the culvert associated with the farm crossing because it is not in good shape. Mr. Cardinal stated that he would come before the IWA when it needed to be repaired. He stated that the culvert had a lot of years left. Rawn asked about the condition of the crossing that is going to be used for the driveway. Mr. Cardinal reported that the culverts associated with this crossing were in very good condition.

No public comment was received.

Ward moved, Cotton seconded to close the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 6:47.

OLD BUSINESS

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Cotton moved, Plante seconded to grant an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to R. Cardinal for a Single Family Dwelling, Onsite Septic System and Drinking Water Well, and a Driveway with a Wetland Crossing on property located on the Northside of Pleasant Valley Road, immediately east of 149-155 Pleasant Valley Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 36.88.90)

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.
2. Incorporate the recommendations of the Mansfield Assistant Town Engineer into the project plans.
3. Create a 10-foot wide vegetated buffer on either side of the driveway. The plan should be revised to show this modification. The plans should be approved by the wetland agent prior to commencing work.
4. The applicant or his agent should schedule an inspection of the site with Planning and Development staff prior to commencing work. In addition, the applicant or his agent should inspect the erosion and sedimentation controls on the site before any predicted rain event and immediately after any rain event greater than 0.25 inches to ensure that the erosion and sedimentation controls are in place. If the erosion and sedimentation controls have been compromised, they should be replaced immediately and the inland wetland agent should be notified.
5. The applicant should submit and implement a native wetland planting plan prepared by a certified soil scientist to protect the palustrine scrub-shrub wetland that is delineated on the eastern property boundary.

This approval is valid for five years (until July 6, 2026) unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency and is contingent upon all other state and federal permit requirements being met. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment.

Kaufman stated that item 2 in the motion should be removed because the Assistant Town Engineer's Comments were already included and references to (should) ought to be changed to (shall). Cotton agreed that the changes were acceptable; Plante seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

W1622 Application of M. Rivera for Driveway Culvert Improvements Associated with a New Single Family Dwelling on Property Located on the Southside of Bassetts Bridge Road, immediately east of 420 Bassetts Bridge Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 30.120.4-2)

Kaufman provided an overview of the application.

Ward asked if the Army Corps of Engineers (property abutter) had been notified. Kaufman reported that the applicant had submitted documentation that they had been notified by certified mail.

Ward moved, Cooley seconded to grant Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to M. Rivera (File W1622) for driveway culvert improvements associated with a new single family dwelling on property located on the south side of Bassetts Bridge Road, immediately east of 420 Bassetts Bridge Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 30.120.4-2), as shown on plans dated March 10, 2021 and as described in application submissions.

This action is based on a finding the will be no significant impact to the wetlands and watercourses and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.
2. Stockpiled material adjacent to the proposed watercourse shall be distributed at least 50 feet from the edge of wetlands and watercourses, seeded and stabilized.

This approval is valid through July 6, 2026. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

J-26 Request of Hull Forest Products for a Jurisdictional Ruling to Conduct a 12-acre Timber Harvest in the Upland Review Area with a Temporary Wetland Crossing at 55 Moulton Road (Assessor's Parcel ID 9.24.39)

Kaufman provided an overview of the application. Rawn asked about what would happen after the temporary crossing was no longer needed. The applicant, A. Burrows from Hull Forest Products, stated that the crossing would be removed and the area would be seeded and stabilized.

Ward moved, Devivo seconded to approve a finding that the proposed timber harvest and associated wetland crossing (IWA File #J-26) on land located at 55 Moulton Road (Assessor Parcel ID 9.24.39) (File # J-26) owned by James and Patricia Raynor and the Patricia Raynor Living Trust, as shown on a map dated May 2021 and described in the associated attachments is permitted as of right pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Mansfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

None provided

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

None provided

ADJOURNMENT

Aho adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Kaufman".

Jennifer Kaufman, AICP
Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent