

**ORANGE INLAND WETLANDS & WATER COURSES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2019 MEETING**

*Unapproved Minutes*

The Orange Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road. The following members attended:

Rick Mangione, Chairman  
Ronald Ruotolo  
William Perfetto  
Lesley Giovanelli

Attorney Barbara Shellenberg, Town Attorney  
Tamara Trantales, Recording Secretary

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Chairman Mangione welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked those seated at the table to introduce themselves for the record.

Consideration of January 8, 2019 Minutes.

A motion was made by Ron Ruotolo and seconded by Lesley Giovanelli to accept and approve the January 8, 2019 Minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Correspondence.

Chairman Rick Mangione passed three pamphlets around to the Commission.

There were no further comments.

New Applications.

None.

For Receipt.

None.

For Discussion – Administrative Application Submitted by Mr. Phil Sidebottom for 407 Hilltop Road. Property owner proposes the removal of trees adjacent to the dwelling and the swimming pool. (Continued from the January 8, 2019 meeting.)

Chairman Mangione noted that Mr. Sidebottom has submitted photos. Chairman Mangione stated that he had asked Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul Dinice to look at the property. ZEO Dinice told Chairman Mangione that he would be willing to make site inspections until a Wetlands Enforcement Officer is hired. ZEO Dinice wrote an email detailing his inspection.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ron Ruotolo and seconded by Lesley Giovanelli to permit the removal of designated & tagged trees adjacent to the dwelling and the swimming pool. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

There were no further comments.

New Business.

None.

Old Business.

Chairman Mangione stated that in 2012, this commission approved a lot with a house and pool on it. (Lot 4.) Chairman Mangione stated that Otto Theall, Soil & Wetland Science, LLC, wrote a letter dated March 29, 2012 regarding the soil classifications on this lot. Chairman Mangione noted that there is a rock wall on the property. He stated that the difference is that the edge of the pool now encroaches into the boundary.

Aran Wiener, Landscape Designer, CT Master Gardner, stated that he worked within the boundary the best that he could. He is showing that the retaining wall is existing. He stated that the existing block wall would remain. He asked if the block wall could be removed in the future. Chairman Mangione stated that the wall keeps the Wetlands "in place". The area would not be seeded, mown, etc. Chairman Mangione stated that a different application would be necessary to remove the block wall. A brief discussion ensued.

There were no further comments.

Enforcement Officer's Report.

None.

As there were no additional items on the agenda, a motion was made by Ron Ruotolo and seconded by Lesley Giovanelli to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the vote recorded as follows: Ruotolo, aye; Giovanelli, aye; Perfetto, aye; Mangione, aye. The vote was recorded as 4-0 to accept and approve the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Trantales  
Recording Secretary