

The Chairman was contacted by Town Attorney Joe Zullo to meet to discuss the commissions concerns. In order to to be productive, the Chairman requested the presence of the Town Attorney (Joe Zullo), Assistant Town Attorney (Al Zullo), the Director of Economic Development (Sal Brancati), Town Engineer (Kevin White) and himself to be present. The meeting was held at Attorney Zullo's office on October 2, 2019 and all were in attendance.

1. We agreed that all issues involving the wetlands would include the IWWC in its discussions and that there needs to be better communication between all parties.
2. In order for the IWWC to run more effectively and efficiently, it was agreed that the IWWC is under represented and that it needs active and committed commissioners/alternates to be appointed - not just political figureheads. For example, one individual that was appointed has never been to a meeting in over three years nor has he responded to multiple requests. Yet, he has been reappointed and still serves on the Commission another term! It was requested that our most recent referral be acted upon. The Town Attorney said that he understands the importance and would discuss this with the Mayor.
3. The IWWC wants to ensure a level playing field for all irrespective of political affiliation, and that they be treated equally when it comes to enforcing regulations that govern the wetlands, including but not limited to, applying for applications and complying with statutes regarding upland review areas.
4. Regarding recent issues, the Maple Street project will be brought before the IWWC for action and McDermott's intrusion into the wetland boundaries has ceased.
5. Diamond Marine - Phase 1: Papers will be drawn up by our Town Attorney on 10/3/2019 that will reflect that the \$2,500 fine imposed by the IWWC for encroachment upon the wetlands and unapproved work performed was actually part of the \$30K sales price for the 1.1 acres of town wetlands sold to KM Realty, LLC (Diamond Marine). This will satisfy the enforcement penalty as well as, avoiding setting a precedent for non-compliance in the future.

6. Diamond Marine - Phase 2: Notice of Violation will be drawn up and served for similar infractions that occurred in Phase 1 - ie. Encroachment upon the wetlands, buffer zone and illegally adding fill to that zone.

The meeting ended with a mutual understanding and a shaking of hands. If all goes as agreed, at this point there appears to be little reason to pursue further action on behalf of the IWWC and the Chairman will recommend such but, that would be up to the commission by consensus.

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ADDENDUM:

The Chairman has sent two emails regarding the status of Diamond: Phase One and the Commission's latest recommendation for an appointment to Commissioner, attempted a call to a 'mailbox full' message and left a message with the Town Attorney's & Assistant Town Attorney's secretary seeking an update and status report. She checked and said, "He received your emails and will call you back." The Chairman replied, "Either a call or email would be fine in response to my inquiries." Still waiting. Two weeks to the day of the meeting and still status quo.