

# TOWN OF COLUMBIA

## INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

Thursday, May 16, 2024 5:30 P. M.

### SPECIAL MEETING – SITE WALK

#### MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice-Chair Jon Dilworth, Secretary Ron Wikholm, Mary Roickle

Members Excused: Tip Garritt, Ian Dann

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent Isabelle Kisluk, Board Clerk Mary Kay Hyman

Others Present: 1 Member from the Public

Applicant: James Blair

#### 1. 5:30 P.M. – 36 Erdoni Road

**IWWC-2324-33**: Application of: J. Blair to Repair Erosion of Soil along Erdoni Road Under the Existing Fence Line at 36 Erdoni Road.

J. Allen called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

I Kisluk identified the location of the repair to be done and the sandbags placed as a temporary repair.

The Commission discussed the direction and flow of the water generated by rainfall in the area.

M. Roickle identified two events (December 18, 2023 and January 10, 2024), when the lake was drawn down and the water flowed heavily off the properties across the street and flooded the property at 36 Erdoni Road, damaging the Lake Wall.

The Commission discussed concerns with homeowners diverting water off their properties onto other properties, public or private, and should they be treated

differently. They also discussed the location of the property line at 36 Erdoni Road and agreed it is most likely the fence line.

J. Blair arrived on site at 5:39 PM

J. Blair Identified the location of the repair to be exactly under the fence line and will be made up of cobblestone and belgian block or something of its kind. He explained that the block will be placed at grade level, held in with cement and the earth built up on the inside to support the block. He explained this will bring the property line and right of way, level with the road diverting the water down the road vs under the fence onto the property.

The Commission and J. Blair discussed the diversion of the water onto Town Property and the responsibly, resident vs Town, of water shed off the road. J. Blair stated he is not changing the height of the right-of-way but is making it level with the road and it will still allow for parking. He also stated the location on Town property of the diverted water is the current location of water shed off the road during a normal rain event.

M. Roickle asked if an infiltration pipe/French drain or catch basin could be used in this location. J. Blair stated he feels it is too widespread and there is not a location to capture the water. M Roickle asked if J. Blair feels the water currently drains in the direction of 36 Erdoni Rd. in a normal rain event. J. Blair demonstrated with a level that the grading of the right-of-way slopes toward the property and run off would naturally run in this direction during one of the mega/50-year rainfall events, not necessarily in a normal event.

I Kisluk summarized by saying the scope of the project is to bring the slope of the right of way up to grade level and not to add a curb. She stated she will discuss the diversion of water to Town property with Public Works to make sure they do not have any concerns.

J. Blair added the biggest concern is the undermining of the cottage over time, if something isn't done now.

The site walk concluded at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Hyman, Board Clerk

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