



Town of Lebanon
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road
Downstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Carl Bender, Dean Gustafson, Jim Hallene, Jim Bender, Dennis Latchum, John Drum, Jim Jahoda
Members Absent: Robert Slate, James McCaw
Others Present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Kevin Cwikla (First Selectman), Catherine McCall (minutes)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by C. Bender and seconded by J. Hallene to appoint D. Gustafson as Acting Chairman for this meeting. Motion carried unanimous.

The meeting was called to order by D. Gustafson at 7:02 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting
Motion made by J. Bender and seconded by D. Latchum to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. February 10, 2024 Special Meeting
Motion made by J. Bender and seconded by J. Hallene to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2024 Special Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Show Cause Hearing/Notice of Violation. Helen K. Neumann (Tanner Evans), 122 Oliver Road, Assessor Map 228, Lot 36.

Mr. Evans and Mark Reynolds PE reported that they will complete a survey of the wetlands flagged and provide a working map with boundaries for the next meeting.

D. Gustafson noted that the Commission is looking for a restoration plan, and J. Hallene noted that the Commission has asked for wetlands flagging from the street.

Motion made by J. Bender and seconded by J. Drum to continue the Show Cause Hearing to the next Inland Wetlands meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. IWC-BUF-24-3: Shawn Murphy, 162 Lakeside Drive, Assessors Map 106, Lot 53. Replace house.

Wes Wentworth, Wentworth Civil Engineering and the applicant were presented. The Commission conducted a site walk of the property on February 10, 2024.

Motion made by J. Bender and seconded by D. Latchum to approve IWC-BUF-24-3. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. IWC-24-4: Francis Gregoire, 7 Lake Shore Drive, Assessors Map 102, Lot 40. Replace dock.

The Commission requested a more detailed plan be provided showing how footings will be placed in the lakebed and confirming that the size of the deck is being reduced from 24+/- feet long shown in photographs to 16-feet long shown on the plan.

P. Chester will conduct a site visit.

V. TOWN PLANNER REPORT

Public Works is in the process of reinforcing Barker Road at the stream crossing nearest Mack Road. In conjunction with the work, P. Chester was called to Barker Road today to witness muddy water and manure smell emanating from the stream. He visited and spoke with the farm property owner upstream who said he had just lowered the level of the manure storage basin using their manure injection system because he feared the basin could overtop due to upcoming rains and said that he did not realize it had leached into the stream. P. Chester spoke with DEEP who had received an incident report on this issue to provide information obtained during his inspection and discussion with the property owner.

The Commission reviewed past wetlands applications regarding the property and noted that impacts from clearing of the land for farming and increased rainfall appear to have increased the run-off associated with changes in the runoff coefficient between the former forest canopy and the change to crop land. The increased runoff has apparently led to erosion of soils that has released sediment into wetlands/stream resources conveying impaired water downstream observed at Barker Road, property downstream of the road, and associated stream resources. The Commission asked that the farmer be notified that he should consult with USDA-NRCS to assist in reviewing current field conditions and areas of erosion, create and implement a plan to mitigate erosion issues and protect water quality downstream, and provide an update to Mr. Chester in time for the April 1, 2024 Commission meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C. Bender and seconded by D. Latchum to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Catherine McCall, Recording Secretary

(Minutes are subject to approval at a subsequent meeting, with any amendments noted at that time.)