

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2009
Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, James McCaw.

Present:	James McCaw	Robert Slate	Carl Bender
	Jim Hallene	David Martin (7:04pm)	
	Keith Wentworth	John Drum	
Absent:	Dean Gustafson	Jim Bender	
Also Present:	Phil Chester, Town Planner and Brenda Bennett, Clerk		

Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by Keith Wentworth to add 2 applications under "NEW APPLICATIONS": b) #IW-09-07 – John Caron, 859 Beaumont Highway, Assessor's Map 229, Lot 47.001 and c) #IW-09-08 – Byron Lennox, 785 Beaumont Highway; Assessor's Map 229, Lot 53, Abstaining: Carl Bender. Motion passed.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – August 3, 2009 Regular Meeting. Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by Jim Hallene to approve the minutes of August 3, 2009. Abstaining: Robert Slate. Motion passed.

III. NEW APPLICATIONS

- a. #BUF-09-03 – Robin Chesmer, 49 Chappell Road (Graywall Farm), Assessors Map 220, Lot 1; construction of silage effluent storage basin.

Chairman Jim McCaw requests himself from the application, turns the seat over to Secretary Robert Slate, and leaves the meeting room.

The owner/applicant is present as is Wes Wentworth, P.E. who represents the owners. Also present are abutters Linda Finelli and Kevin and Russell Blakeslee. Mr. Wentworth provided the Commission with a plan to develop a new silage effluent storage basin designed to retain 6 months of runoff, approximately 1.2 million gallons, from the silage area, which will then be pumped onto the fields to irrigate crops. The basin will be excavated to create an earthen dam utilizing the excavated material. The site is located approximately 65' from wetlands and there will be no disturbance or activity in the wetlands and/or watercourse. This activity will be overseen by the DEP and earlier concerns of "foaming" during high rain events were addressed by DEP. The applicant submitted DEP with plans 9 days ago and is awaiting their comments and/or approval letter.

Russell Blakeslee expressed concern with the leaching system, odor, manure runoff, the contamination on his pond, the poor water quality which has killed pond habitat, the safety of the lagoon with children, and the emergency overflow runoff. He would like to see that something is done to resolve these issues.

The Commission agreed that a site walk would be conducted on Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Brandon Handfield, P.E., Anchor Engineering on behalf of the Commission requested Wes Wentworth to address the following: 1) size of the embankment; 2) dam safety; 3) add details on the plans for the embankment; 4) is there a requirement for fencing around the area?

The applicant will notify the Town Planner of any DEP approvals.

Jim McCaw, Chairman resumes his seat on the Commission.

- b. #IW-09-07 – John Caron, owner/applicant, 859 Beaumont Highway, Assessor's Map 22, Lot 47.001; construction of pond.

Carl Bender requestes himself from the application.

The owner/applicant, Mr. Caron is present and proposes to construct a pond for a source of irrigation for his horse farm operation, water supply for the horses as well as fire protection for the building. The depth of the proposed pond is 10', no birms will be constructed and the size of the pond is just under an acre. Currently the area is being used as a pasture and has been mowed. The Commission requested that the Town Planner consult with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the permitted size for an agricultural use pond.

The Commission would like to see the wetlands delineated on the plans and the Commission agrees to allow a field sketch showing the wetlands flags and requested him to stake out the size of the pond with flags for the site walk.

A site walk has been tentatively scheduled for 9/22/09 at 6:15 p.m. if the applicant can arrange for the wetlands to be flagged by then.

Carl Bender resumes his seat on the Commission.

- c. #IW-09-08 – Byron Lennox, owner/applicant, 785 Beaumont Highway, Assessor's Map, Lot; revised buffer plan review.

Thomas Benoit, L.S. is present on behalf of the applicant. The applicant proposes to construct a 12' wide gravel driveway on south side of stream to access barn. Town Planner has followed up with NRCS and notes that they have provided

more detail on the intermittent brook and southerly boundary line and added E/S Controls to the plans.

IV. OLD BUSINESS -

- a. #IW-09-05 – Jeffrey & Marilu Sirois, Carriage Drive & Second Street, Assessor's Map 243, Lot 40; wetlands crossing for proposed driveway.

Wes Wentworth, P.E., is present as well as the applicant. Revised plans have been prepared from comments made by the Commission at the site walk. A blow-up of the culvert detail has been made to the new plan. There are two wetlands crossing in the driveway, the #1 crossing exists and will consist of a 15" culvert with 1' of gravel build-up. Wes will also added a note to the plan for cleanout of the existing 15" culvert. #2 wetlands crossing is new and will consist of a 24" culvert and the total wetlands disturbance is 1,500 s.f.

Moved by Carl Bender and seconded by Robert Slate to approve the application. Abstaining: Keith Wentworth. Motion passed.

- b. #IW-09-06 – Barbara Lederer & Laurel Henneburg, 458 Deepwood Dr., Assessor's Map 105, Lot 187; repair/replacement of retaining wall.

Moved by Keith Wentworth and seconded by Carl Bender to approve the application. Motion unanimously passed.

V. TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT –

- Buffer Permit issued – #BUF-09-04 - Ted Pankowski, owner, 821 Exeter Road; in-ground swimming pool.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE –

- CACIWC membership renewal for 7/1/09-6/30/2010. Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by David Martin to pay the \$50.00 annual membership fee. Opposed: Keith Wentworth. Motion passed.

VII ADJOURNMENT

With no further business a motion is made by Robert Slate and seconded by Carl Bender to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

It was noted by the Chair that this would be Mrs. Bennett's last meeting as Commission Clerk. The Commission gave a round of applause for Mrs. Bennett's service to the Commission, where she served as Clerk since 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Clerk