

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, May 11, 2009**  
**Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman, James McCaw.

Present:	James McCaw	Robert Slate	John Drum
	David Wigfield	Dean Gustafson	David Martin
	Keith Wentworth (7:09 p.m.)		

Absent: Carl Bender, Jim Bender

Also Present: Phil Chester, Brenda Bennett, Clerk

**B. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – 4/6/09 Regular Meeting; 4/14/09 Special Meeting**

Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by Dean Gustafson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2009. Motion unanimously passed.

Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by David Wigfield to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2009. Abstaining: David Wigfield. Motion passed.

**C. NEW APPLICATIONS**

- #IW-09-02 – Nicholas Gebbie, 21 Hinckley Road, wetlands stabilization plan, Assessor's Map 261, Lot 63.

Mr. Gebbie and Wes Wentworth, P.E. are present. Mr. Wentworth stated that there have been no changes to the areas of disturbance noted in March (east side E/S control measures). He provided revisions to the Stabilization Plan with further detail on the construction entrance and dimensions. He proposes a 25' riparian zone up from the limits of poorly drained soils (east side of the brook). He also plans to switch from a contractor's seed mix to a lawn seed mix.

Robert Slate recommended a site walk to look at the 25' riparian zone and an area in the middle of the disturbance, which still looks wet.

- #AR-09-01 – Dennis Botticello, north side of Levita Road; farm road, Assessor's Map 255, Lot 4.

Mr. Botticello is present. The Commission conducted a site walk on April 14<sup>th</sup> and expressed concern about the wetlands crossing. Mr. Botticello provided an aerial photo depicting the opening of the old farm road, which is approximately 15' wide. The Commission discussed all feasible and prudent alternatives, expressed concerns about the 200' wetlands crossing, and stated they would like to see alternatives such as entering from Old Colchester Road.

A site walk will be conducted by the Commission on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by Keith Wentworth to add as a Discussion Item: Botticello junkyard, 72 Old Colchester Road. Motion unanimously passed.

The wetlands run to the west and there are currently (2) 6" under-drains in the area facing Levita Road. The Commission conducted a site walk on April 14, 2009. Mr. Botticello will complete an application and provide revised plans for the Commissions' review at the next month's meeting.

- #BUF-09-02 – Jennifer Baer, 377 Goshen Hill Road, Assessor's Map 261, Lot 6

Robert Pellerin is present on behalf of Ms. Baer. Wes Wentworth prepared a map showing existing wetlands. Mr. Pellerin has flagged the proposed 50'x175' pond area. The activity includes increasing the lawn area and proposes a future pasture area. There will be some selective site clearing and stump removal. The plan being reviewed by the Commission is "Option #1" and has a field sketch and wetlands.

The Commission would like the plan to:

1. Delineate dimension of pond on the map;
2. Identify fill areas in SF on the map;
3. Install E/S controls behind the pond;
4. Obtain a soil scientist to review and delineate the wetlands impact and alternative goals to lessen those impacts. The rear area of the property to be used as pasture; to be left as it and monitor the wetlands disturbance during the growing season; natural vegetation.
5. Smaller pond size than 5,000 s.f.
6. Property line dimensions.

A site walk will be scheduled after receipt of a new plan.

#### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

- #IW-AR-09-02 – Edward Bender Jr., owner/applicant, 300 Beaumont Highway, Assessor's Map 209, Lot 42; farm pond.

Mr. Bender is present. He stated that he had created a pond and did some landscaping through NRCS back in 2004 and provided the documentation. He stated that the area of activity is outside the wetlands and provided an aerial photograph for the Commissions' review. This was a non-wetlands area before the construction of the pond and there was never impact to wetlands and buffer.

Moved by Keith Wentworth and seconded by Robert Slate to approve as a ruling of non-jurisdictional and recommend the \$30 fee be returned. Motion unanimously passed.

## **E. DISCUSSION**

- Installation of 2.5 MW diesel electric generators, 37 Camp Moween Road (SCADD), Bozrah Light & Power and Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy (CMEEC).

Tom Sellinski from CMEEC, a representative from Groton Utilities, Bozrah Light & Power, MBE Consultant and Marty Masters, abutting property owner are present. Mr. Sellinski provided a presentation of the proposed installation of two (2) 23-foot high enclosed generators on Camp Moween Road beyond the regulated areas. The generators will be used during peak power times, 1x month for up to 2-hours/12x year less than 300 hours including routine maintenance. Peak power times are from 4-5 p.m. The result is to control rising cost of power. A small sign will be erected inside the fenced area to identify the location and emergency telephone numbers.

- Lake Williams Campground, 5/3/09 correspondence from Paul Cote, resident re: beaver dam. As Mr. Cote is not the property owner, he will need consent from the property owner to install a water level control device at the dam area. Mr. Chester will report on this next month.

## **F. TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT**

Mr. Chester recommended that the Commission adopt a policy to use hay bales versus silt fence for wetlands protection for both environmental and agricultural promotion purposes. The Commission agreed.

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, a motion is made by John Drum and seconded by Keith Wentworth to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Bennett, Clerk