

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009
Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room
MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 6, 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	Carl Bender
	Jim Bender	John Drum	David Wigfield
	David Martin	Dean Gustafson	Keith Wentworth
Also Present:	Phil Chester, Town Planner and Brenda Bennett, Clerk		

Moved by Keith Wentworth and seconded by Robert Slate to amend the agenda and add the approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009. Motion unanimously approved.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – March 2, 2009, March 24, 2009.

Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by David Wigfield to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2009. Abstaining: Keith Wentworth, Dean Gustafson. Motion approved.

Moved by Robert Slate and seconded by Jim Bender to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009. Abstaining: Keith Wentworth, Dean Gustafson. Motion approved.

III. NEW APPLICATIONS

Moved by Jim Bender and seconded by Dean Gustafson to add #BUF-09-01 – Town of Lebanon, 23 Goshen Hill Road; salt storage shed, Assessor's Map 246, Lot 18 under IV. Old Business, item (b). Motion unanimously approved.

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

Keith Wentworth recuses himself from the Commission.

Wes Wentworth, P.E. is present on behalf of Mr. Gebbie to present a stabilization plan based on activities to date. Mr. Wentworth stated that there are no signs of sedimentation in the brook and no erosion influencing wetlands at this area. The silt fence at the brook will be corrected and will be extended to the north to the edge of Hinckley Road. There will be no further activity in this area. Part of the stabilization plan is to mulch the disturbed areas where the equipment was stuck and the boulders near the road can be cleaned up and removed from the town road. The plan calls for the area to be raked, seeded and eventually revegetated. The construction entrance off the road has been identified on the plan.

Silt fence along the stream will be backed up with woodchips on the uphill side to prevent any further damage. This will reinforce the area and will then be raked and seeded. The Commission recommends that the homeowner does not use a contractor's seed mix within the wetlands area, only mulch.

The Commission would like the following additions to the plan: 1) show a detail for the construction entrance; 2) show additional silt fence; 3) add a 25' buffer east of the stream to provide a buffer. Native plantings should also be used and the silt fence should be left in place.

Keith Wentworth resumes his seat on the Commission.

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

Mr. Botticello is present this evening. He stated that he would like to improve an old existing farm road and would like to bring in gravel for access cornfields to be created on the site. There is a wetlands crossing and he plans to use an existing stone bed at the crossing. There is a small stream, approximately 10' wide at the crossing.

The Commission will conduct a 6:30 p.m site walk on April 14 (rain date April 28).

With regard to the Botticello junkyard at 72 Old Colchester Road, Brandon Handfield, Anchor Engineering is present and was the engineer back in 1993. He and Mr. Chester have been to the site and identified a large dirt mound, which is believed to have recreated the wetlands in this area. The wetlands run to the west and there are currently (2) 6" under-drains in the area facing Levita Road. This remains to be a low spot and is collecting water, which then trickles down to the site. Another plan is required for next month's meeting.

The Commission will conduct a site walk on April 14 with rain date is April 28.

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

Robert Pellerin is present on behalf of Ms. Baer. He proposes to increase the lawn area and proposes future pasture area. The area has been clear cut and there are wetlands on the property though not identified on the town map. Mr. Pellerin would like to provide solution/resolutions to the clear cut area and provided topographical maps and 2 option maps for the Commission's review. Colored-photographs have also been provided. Option #1 proposes a new pond with silt fence and a swale. Option #2 proposes a swale only, and stump removal. Mr. Pellerin does not have the pond size but will stake out the area with details. He proposes to use the existing fill in the area around the pond edge.

The Commission will conduct a 6:00 p.m site walk on April 14 (rain date April 28).

This application will be changed from a buffer application to a wetlands application to add the pond.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Keith Wentworth recuses himself from the Commission.

- a) Peter Gandelman, owner/applicant, 15 Cove Road, Assessor's Map 105, Lot 106. Request to fill 0.01 acres of wetlands to replace septic system.

Wes Wentworth, P.E. is present on behalf of the Mr. Gandelman. This is an existing home to be demolished and replaced on the same footprint. Wetlands have been delineated. The new septic system will be elevated and new fill will be brought in for the house foundation. There will be no basement, only a crawl space and curtain drains will run under the house. Silt fence backed with haybales will be used all around the activity all around the upland review area. A little fill will be brought in for the leach field area which is in the wetlands. The Commission would like a note to be added to the plan: "Prior to any disturbance the limits of disturbance are to be field staked by a surveyor". Mr. Chester will inspect the silt fence, backed by haybales, prior to the construction as well as check the limits of disturbance staked by a surveyor.

Moved by Jim Bender and seconded by David Wigfield to approve the application with the following conditions: 1) to inspect/install silt fence and stake the limits of disturbance prior to construction to be inspected by the Wetlands Agent. Abstaining: John Drum, David Martin. Motion passed.

Keith Wentworth resumes his seat on the Commission.

- b) #IW-BUF-09-01 – Town of Lebanon, 23 Goshen Hill Road, Assessor's Map 246, Lot 18; salt storage shed.

Brandon Handfield, Anchor Engineering is present and provided revised plans to address concerns and comments by the Commission. The proposed storage shed is a 60'x100' cover-all building system on a 6' high concrete foundation wall. The Commissions' concerns regarding the roof and footing drain runoff have been addressed with an added curb to direct water to the swale. The revised plans also address the reserve to the septic system and details on the pipe along Goshen Hill Road.

The Commission requested that the wetlands be delineated and put on the plans.

V. TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT –

- The Commission received a letter from the Plan of Conservation and Development Committee inviting them to a April 22nd meeting to discuss the 10-year plan specific to their authority. Preliminary discussions include increasing the regulated area to 200 feet around perennial streams. The Commission declined.
- Bender property at Route 289/Rafferty Road – Robert Slate requested the owner complete an application for pond activity even if it is agricultural use.
- Further investigation to institute a fine for wetlands violations.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion is made by Keith Wentworth and seconded by Dean Gustafson to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Bennett, Clerk