

Town of Lebanon
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Lebanon Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room
Monday, September 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: James McCaw (Chair), Robert Slate (Secretary), Carl Bender, John Drum, Dennis Latchum
Members Absent: Jim Bender, Jim Hallene, Dean Gustafson
Others Present: Philip Chester, Town Planner

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. McCaw.

Motion by Mr. Slate, seconded by Mr. Latchum, to add IW-BUF-18-7313 Seth Coty, 412 Norwich Avenue, as agenda Item IV.f. Motion unanimously approved.

- II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Motion by Mr. Slate, seconded by Mr. Drum, to approve the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

- III. Old Business:

- a. **IW-18-7226:** Mark Matkowich, Beaumont Highway, Assessors Map 229, Lot 59. Wetlands crossing with culvert.

Mr. Wentworth, PE, presented the application which includes creating a watercourse and wetlands crossing near the outlet to a pond to access the rear of the property. The activity will result in 1,600 SF of wetlands disturbance.

Motion by Mr. Slate, seconded by Mr. Drum, to approve the application. Motion unanimously approved.

- b. **IW-AR-18-7219:** Paul Puhlick (owner), Brian Riendeau & Sons Logging (applicant), Waterman and Fowler Roads, Assessors Map 273, Lots 26, 27, 28. Selective timber harvest.

Joseph R. Theroux, Certified Forester and Soil Scientist, presented his 8/30/18 report to the Commission. He reviewed timber harvest notification IW-AR-18-7219 and walked the site and found three (3) perennial streams, five (5) vernal pools and significant amounts of wetlands not reflected in the submission. He noted that the cutting plan will require stream crossings which are not identified in the plan. His report finds that “the current notification and cutting plan are not accurate and do not clearly depict the proposed timber harvest”.

Joan Nichols, Forester and property abutter, questioned the diameter of trees to be cut and why trees were not marked.

The Commission asked that the applicant provide a new application that matched on-the-ground conditions.

Mr. Slate made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Latchum that based on Mr. Theroux's report a determination that the activity was as-of-right was not possible. Motion unanimously approved.

IV. New Business:

- a. Approval of IWC 2019 Regular Meeting Dates.

Motion by Mr. Slate, seconded by Mr. Drum, to approve the IWC 2019 Regular Meeting Dates. Motion unanimously approved.

- b. Discussion with Jay Tuttle, Highway Foreman regarding stone work repairs to Oliver Road and Randall Road bridge embankments.

Mr. Chester reported on behalf of Mr. Tuttle that the town was looking to conduct maintenance of existing stone work. It was the consensus of the Commission that no permit was necessary.

- c. **IW-AR-18-7372:** Dennis Wengloski (owner), Scotland Hardwoods (applicant), 970 Goshen Hill Road, Assessors Map 259, Lot 28. Selective timber harvest.

Rod Burgess, Certified Forester, Scotland Hardwoods, presented the timber harvest plan which includes accessing the site via 291 Lebanon Avenue to claim timber from 15+/- acres.

Motion by Mr. Drum, seconded by Mr. Bender, that the proposed activity is as-of-right. Motion unanimously approved.

- d. **IW-18-7373:** Josef Aigner & Eloise Tencher, 54 Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 103, Lot 86. Replacement/new single family home construction.

Mr. Wentworth, PE, presented the application on behalf of the owners who were present. The application is to replace a small single family home with a larger home that will result in 1,600 SF of wetland disturbance.

The Commission will hold a site walk at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the property.

- e. **IW-18-7381:** Sandra & Anthony Rigazio-DiGilio, 190 Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 104, Lot 152. Repair and maintenance of waterfront area and replacement of beach.

Mr. Chester reported that the applicant's engineer was unable to attend the meeting and that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Commission will hold a site walk at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the property.

- f. **IW-BUF-18-7313:** Seth Coty (applicant), Morris Epstein (owner), 412 Norwich Ave., Assessors Map 276, Lot 9. Remove topsoil and place gravel and temporary buildings within regulated area.

Mr. Coty presented his application which is to remove topsoil and replace with gravel and temporary buildings for his pool business with the regulated area – maintaining 30-feet of clearance between disturbance and wetlands.

Mr. Chester provided the Commission with site photos.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Chester could sign off on the buffer permit subject to receiving affirmative correspondence from the property owner.

- V. Town Planner's Report: None.
- VI. Correspondence: Eastern Connecticut Conservation District.
- VII. The Commission adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Philip S. Chester, Town Planner
September 11, 2018

(Minutes are unapproved as of transcription date.)