

Town of Lebanon
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Lebanon Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room
Monday, October 3, 2016 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman James McCaw, Secretary Robert Slate, John Drum, Dennis Latchum, Jim Bender, Jim Hallene
Members Absent: Carl Bender, Dean Gustafson, David Martin
Others Present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Holli Pianka (Land Use Secretary) and Brandon Handfield (Commission Engineer)

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene, to approve the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following correction, Page 4, Item VII, change John Bender to Jim Bender. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Old Business:

Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Bender, to take up Item (e) IW-16-5666. Motion unanimously approved.

- e. **IW-16-5666:** Craig & Theresa Smith, owners, 143 Mack Road, Assessors Map 236, Lot 28. Pond construction.

Owner, Ms. Smith, amended application, to add concrete spillway.

- 9/12/2016, The commission accepted and began a review of the Smith's application and Mr. Link was granted intervener status. The application is limited to the discussion of the addition of a concrete spillway to the Smith's pond. The original pond application was approved by the commission in 1992.
- 9/27/2016. Commission conducted a site walk at the Smith and Link properties on Mack Road.
- 9/28/2016. Mr. Link provided an email to the commission with additional information and copy was sent to the Smiths.
- 9/30/2016. Mr. Bakaj provided a note to the Commission which the Links have received.
- Ms. Smith was present and had nothing additional to add.
- Mr. Link was present and provided additional information. He submitted photos from 2004, 2006 and 2016 for comparison. He believes the boulder shown in the pond can be considered physical evidence that work was done on the pond because the boulder is submerged in photos taken after 2010 due to the pond being deepened.

Chairman McCaw requested from the Commission that they determine if the application was considered to be a significant impact activity.

Jim Hallene made a motion, seconded by Dennis Latchum, that the activity has not resulted in a significant impact to the wetlands.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene to approve the application IW-16-5666 for the addition of the concrete spillway. Motion unanimously approved.

- a. **IW-16-5721:** Town of Lebanon, 37R West Town Street, Assessors Map 236, Lot 10. Addition of fire protection pond.

Mr. Chester and Jay Tuttle, Highway Foreman gave an update on the pond construction.

Jim Hallene made a motion, seconded by Robert Slate to approve the application. Motion unanimously approved.

- b. Discussion: Aspal Soccer Fields. Mr. Chester noted that the area around the proposed soccer fields had been bush hawged and that additional wetland delineation may be occurring to see if larger fields were possible.
- c. **IW-AR-16-5673:** Ethan Stearns, owner, 256 Village Hill Road, Assessors Map 209, Lot 12. Farm road stream crossing.

Mr. Chester, Carl Bender and Dennis Latchum visited the site.

A motion was made by Jim Bender, seconded by Dennis Latchum, to approve the application. Motion unanimously approved.

- d. **IW-AR-16-5674:** Ethan & Michelle Stearns, 256 Village Hill Road, Assessors Map 209, Lot 12. Selective timber harvest.

Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Bender, to approve the application. Motion unanimously approved.

IV. New Business:

- a. **IW-BUF-16-5711:** John Peterson, owner, 418 Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 105, Lot 195. New single family construction.

Mr. Peterson, owner, stated that the structure was built in the 1930's and was in need of replacement. He intends to increase it from one-to-two stories with a full basement. WPCA approval has been granted for relocation of the grinder pump. Silt fence will be installed prior to any demolition work.

It was the consensus of the commission to authorize Mr. Chester to sign the permit.

- b. **IW-AR-16-5715:** Charles Pogmore, owner, 480 Trumbull Highway, Assessors Map 229, Lot 24. Construct irrigation pond for agricultural use.

Mr. Pogmore and CJ Pogmore were present to discuss the plan. The proposed 100' by 100' pond is needed for a consistent supply of water for their fruit and vegetable crops. The pond will be dug and grade the fill into the existing slope on the south side.

Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene, that application IW-AR-16-5715 is acceptable as an as-of-right activity. Motion unanimously approved.

- c. **IW-AR-16-5735:** Prides Corner Farms, owner, 122 Waterman Road, Assessors Map 251, Lot 5. Selective timber harvest.

Christian Joseph (Prides) and Matt Sanford, PE, Milone & MacBroom were present. Approximately 2 acres were cleared without prior approval for the purpose of silt retention (for pond dredging) and a future growing area. Much of the area cleared consisted of underbrush and invasive species. Improvements will be made to the existing spillway on site.

Jim Bender made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene, that application IW-AR-16-5735 is acceptable as an as-of-right activity. Motion unanimously approved.

- d. **IW-AR-16-5736:** Prides Corner Farms, owner, 122 Waterman Road, Assessors Map 251, Lot 5. Dredge pond.

Site plan dated 9/19/2016 prepared by Milone & MacBroom was provided. 25,000+/- cubic yards will be removed, transported and stockpiled at the timber clearance area. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be installed along the base of the stockpile area, then topsoil and seeded. Will be regrading and relandscaping in spillway channel area.

Jim Bender made a motion, seconded by John Drum, that application IW-AR-16-5736 is acceptable as an as-of-right activity. Motion unanimously approved.

- V. Town Planner's Report: Mr. Handfield discussed his visit to Prides the new recycling pond on Waterman Road and the addition of a maintenance road in or every near wetlands which is not reflected on the approved plans. The Commission asked that Prides provide an as-built showing the activity in this area.
- VI. Correspondence: None.
- VII. Jim Bender made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by John Drum. Motion unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holli E. Pianka, Land Use Secretary
October 7, 2016

(Minutes are unapproved as of transcription date.)