

Town of Lebanon  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
Regular Meeting  
Lebanon Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room  
Monday, January 4, 2016 – 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

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

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman McCaw. Jim Hallene made a motion, seconded by Robert Slate to add application IW-AR-15-4885 to the agenda under old business. Motion unanimously approved.

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene, to approve the December 7, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Old Business:

- a. **IW-AR-15-4885:** Roland Russo, owner, Levita Road & Old Meeting House Road, Assessors Map 255, Lot 8. Selective timber harvest.

Mr. Russo, owner, was present along with Scott Person, CT Certified Supervising Forest Harvester on behalf of Karl Riendeau, Ashford, CT. A report was received on disturbance in the wetlands related to the activity. Brandon Handfield, P.E., Yantic River Consultants, conducted a field investigation and submitted a report to Mr. Chester dated 12/28/15 listing disturbance to the area and recommended mitigation. The Commission determined that hand tools would be best for making corrections to the ruts and that all remaining firewood removal in the wetlands should be done by hand. Scott Person stated that the job is not completed, but that there would be no more heavy equipment work in the wetlands and the corrections would be done as soon as weather permits.

IV. New Business:

- a. **IW-AR-15-5121:** Frank Rodriguez, owner, Scott Person, applicant, Trumbull Highway, Assessors Map 229, Lot 6. Selective timber harvest.

Scott Person, applicant, on behalf of Karl Riendeau, Ashford, CT submitted written permission by the President of Lebanon Lions to access property and cross wetlands on a previously established road. It was the consensus of the Commission that the proposed work should not take place any closer than 50 feet in either direction from the centerline of Pease Brook. The applicant amended his application, adding that he would not cut within 50 feet of either side from the center line of Pease Brook.

**Robert Slate made a motion, seconded by Jim Bender, that the commission agrees the proposed activity is determined to be an as-of-right activity. The motion was unanimously approved.**

- b. **IW-AR-15-5122:** Girl Scouts of Connecticut, owner, Rod Burgess, applicant, 175 Club-house Road, Assessors Map 227, Lot 3. Selective timber harvest.

Rod Burgess, the applicant was present. He stated that they would like to begin work on the timber harvest on 50 acres this winter if weather permits or this summer. There will be no access point on Leonard Bridge Road but through the property of Sylvio and Sandra Vailancourt, 671 Tobacco Street.

**Jim Bender made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene, that the commission agrees the proposed activity is determined to be an as-of-right activity. The motion was unanimously approved.**

- c. **IW-AR-15-5123:** Scott McCall, owner, Robert Andrews, applicant, 147 McCall Road, Assessors Map 267, Lot 36. Selective timber harvest.

Scott McCall was present. Per the Commission's request, Mr. McCall amended the application, adding that there would be no cutting or activity within 50 feet on either side of the center line of Bartlett Brook.

**Carl Bender made a motion, seconded by Jim Bender, that the commission agrees the proposed activity is determined to be an as-of-right activity. The motion was unanimously approved.**

V. Town Planner's Report

Mr. Chester reported that Jay Tuttle, Public Works reports that there are several beaver dam issues at town road culverts. The Commission reiterated that before any work takes place in wetlands or watercourses that the Town seek approval from the Commission.

VI. Correspondence: On file.

- VII. Jim Bender made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Robert Slate. Motion was approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holli E. Pianka, Land Use Secretary  
January 8, 2016

*(Minutes are unapproved as of transcription date.)*