

Town of Lebanon
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Lebanon Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room
Monday, November 2, 2015 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman James McCaw, Jim Bender, Robert Slate, Jim Hallene,
Dean Gustafson, Dennis Latchum

Members Absent: David Martin, Carl Bender, John Drum

Others Present: Joyce Okonuk, First Selectman, Philip Chester, Town Planner,
Holli Pianka, Land Use Secretary

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Jim Bender made a motion, seconded by Jim Hallene, to approve the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved. Abstained: R. Slate.**

III. Old Business:

- a. **IW-15-4884:** Town of Lebanon, 479 Exeter Road, Assessors Map 235, Lot 66.
Development of two soccer fields.

Dean Gustafson made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Dennis Latchum. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Application was amended to show approximately one acre of tree removal within wetlands along Levita Road. The Town Planner and Town Engineer have walked the site.

Dean Gustafson made a motion, seconded by Dennis Latchum, that the commission agrees that the proposed activity is determined to be as as-of-right forestry operation.

John Okonuk was present stating his opposition to the application.

Motion to approve the application was unanimously approved.

IV. New Business:

- a. **IW-AR-15-4873:** James Grover, owner, 1102 Trumbull Highway, Assessors Map 247,
Lot 8. Pond dredging.

Jim Grover was present stating they are proposing to dredge the existing pond nearest the Susquetonscut Brook and install a silt catch. The silt material will be added to the existing stockpile in the same area, as they have done in the past. The pond is approximately 100' x 120' and material to be dredged is approximately 3,000 cubic yards. He would like to restore the original water level back to 10 to 11 feet. Mr. Grover stated that the project does not conflict with the Army Corp.'s approval of this project.

This application is pending upon the commissions' receipt of written approval from the Army Corp. of Engineers.

- b. **IW-15-4978:** William & Marianne Freitas, owners, Brett Harlow/Base Construction, applicant, 452 Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 105, Lot 189. Lake edge construction.

It was noted that the application number was listed incorrectly on the agenda and should be changed from IW-15-4884 to IW-15-4978. Brett Harlow, applicant, reviewed the plan. There is a steep drop to the lake with no entrance to the water. The existing lake wall is deteriorating and consists of loose piled stones with no concrete. The plan includes moving the jetty.

The commission scheduled a site walk of the property on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. and requested an amended plan.

- c. **IW-AR-15-4980:** Dorothy Grillo, owner, Karl Riendeau, applicant, Goshen Hill Road, Assessors Map 261, Lot 64. Selective timber harvest.

Scott Person spoke on the application. The plan proposes selective removal of trees on 5 acres within wetlands. Commission request abutting landowner's approval letter for access (Szjda property).

Rob Slate made a motion, seconded by Dennis Latchum, to approve the application as-of-right activity with the following condition: receipt of landowner's access approval letter. Motion unanimously approved.

- d. **IW-BUF-15-4983:** Joyce Clark, owner, 6 Deepwood Drive, Assessors Map 103, Lot 95. Shed 14' x 24'.

Brett Harlow, on behalf of owner, amended plan to show an existing 8' x 8' shed to be moved behind the new proposed shed.

The commission authorized Mr. Chester to sign approval for permit.

- e. **IW-BUF-15-4935:** Town of Lebanon, owner, Paradise Agency LLC, applicant, 37R West Town Street, Assessors Map 236, Lot 10. Drainage system construction.

Mike Tarbell was present to speak on the application. He reviewed the site plan dated 10/5/15 prepared by Tarbell & Heintz & Assoc. Inc., East Hartford, CT, 06108, for storm drainage improvements. Mr. Tarbell noted that further testing was performed to verify a second time that no additional wetlands exist at the retention basin site. Existing watersheds to remain. It was also suggested that a berm be created in the catch basin to

help with short term rain events. Native seed mix will be planted. Town Engineer's comments have been addressed.

It was the consensus of the commission to amend the permit to a regular wetlands permit.

Joyce Okonuk, First Selectman, gave comments.

Commission scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the following applications: IW-15-4978 (Freitas), IW-AR-15-4873 (Grover), and IW-BUF-15-4935 (Town of Lebanon).

- V. Town Planner's Report:
- VI. Correspondence: On file.
- VII. Jim Bender made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jim Hallene. Motion approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holli E. Pianka, Land Use Secretary
November 9, 2015

(Minutes are unapproved as of transcription date.)