

Town of Lebanon  
**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
Special Meeting  
Lebanon Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Tuesday, August 14, 2012 – 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

Members Present:     Chairman James McCaw  
                              John Drum  
                              James Hallene  
                              Dean Gustafson,  
                              Jim Bender  
                              Carl Bender  
                              Dennis Latchum  
Members Absent:     Sec. Robert Slate  
                              David Martin  
Others Present:     Philip Chester, Town Planner  
                              Brandon Handfield, Town Engineer

- I.     The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman McCaw.
- II.    Acceptance of Minutes:
  - a.    Motion made by Jim Hallene and seconded by Jim Bender to approve the July 9, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- III.   New Business:
  - a.    **#IW-12-1437:** Lincoln Chesmer, Exeter Road, Assessors Map 245, Lot 18.001. Clearing and brook crossing improvements.

Mr. Chesmer presented his application which includes clearing of crop fields and an improvement to an existing watercourse and wetlands crossings. USDA has field determined wetlands. There will be no clearing of wetlands and a buffer will be maintained on both sides of the Brook equal to the existing southerly-side buffer.

This application will be discussed at the September 10, 2012 meeting.

- b.    **#IW-AR-1438:** Mark Evans, 157 Oliver Road, Assessors Map 237, Lot 21. Pond maintenance.

Mr. Evans presented his application which includes mucking out his pond. The pond will not be expanded from its current dimensions with the exception of improving the depth through the removal of accumulated sediment, which will be spread along the pond's bank.

This application will be discussed at the September 10, 2012 meeting.

- c. Dennis Latchum recommended that the Commission co-sponsor a 7:00 p.m., Oct. 11, 2012 Invasive Plant Workshop at the Fire Safety Complex along with the Conservation Commission to be put on by CT Invasive Plant Working Group. All members were in agreement to co-sponsor this event.

IV. Old Business:

- a. **#IW-12-1388:** Town of Lebanon, replacement of Taylor Bridge Road Bridge.

Motion made by Jim Bender to approve, seconded by Dennis Latchum, and passed unanimously.

- b. **#IW-12-1389:** Town of Lebanon, replacement of Tobacco Street Culvert.

Motion made by Jim Hallene to approve, seconded by Dean Gustafson, and passed unanimously.

- c. **#IW-12-1281:** 1102 Trumbull Highway, Assessors Map 247, Lot 8, James Grover, owner. Clearing and creation of pond. Jim Hallene recused himself.

Mr. Grover, Mr. Ianni (soil scientist) and Mr. Boucher, PE were present to speak on the application. Mr. Boucher presented a revised plan dated 8/14/12 which showed existing and proposed conditions, including soil erosion control measures. He noted that work had been conducted in the 100-year Flood Plain.

Mr. Chester reported he visited the site with Amy Bourne from the Army Corps of Engineers and that a 8/2/12 Cease and Desist letter had been issued by the Corps to Mr. Grover, which included immediate soil erosion control measures to be taken.

Motion made by Carl Bender to approve, seconded by John Drum and passed unanimously.

- d. **#IW-12-1399:** 1102 Trumbull Highway, Assessors Map 247, Lot 8, James Grover, owner. Clearing and creation of pond. Jim Hallene recused himself.

Mr. Grover, Mr. Ianni (soil scientist) and Mr. Boucher, PE were present to speak on the application. Mr. Boucher presented a revised plan dated 8/14/12 which showed existing and proposed conditions, including soil erosion control measures. Mr. Ianni discussed his 8/6/12 letter to Mr. Chester regarding his determination of wetlands functions and values.

Mr. Grover stated that the purpose of the application was to create additional pastureland and a farm pond for both animals and the watering of Prides inventory.

Mr. Handfield and the Commission expressed questions related to proposed:

1. Pond. How much fill will be created by pond construction; where was fill going on the site; what are ground conditions under fill; steepness (construction) of pond; and impacts of exposing the proposed volume of surface water on the environment.
2. Pasture. Identify on map where filling of wetlands will occur; determine how much filling of wetlands was going to take place; and show locations of all underdrains and feeder lines on plans.
3. Impact. Determine impact to neighbors by proposed activity.

Motion made by Dean Gustafson that the application represented a “significant impact activity” as identified by Section 2.1 of Lebanon’s Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations as the project substantially diminishes the natural capacity of the wetland to support various functions along with satisfying other qualifiers under the “significant impact activity” definition. Motion seconded by Dennis Latchum and passed unanimously.

A public hearing on this application will be held on Sept. 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

A site walk will be held on August 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

V. Executive Session: None.

VI. Town Planner’s Report:  
Mr. Chester discussed various potential wetland issues and enforcement actions.

VII. Correspondence:

VIII. John Drum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Hallene and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Philip S. Chester, AICP  
August 14, 2012

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