



Town of Lebanon
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: James McCaw (Chairman), Dennis Latchum, Jim Bender, Carl Bender, Jim Hallene, Robert Slate, John Drum, Michelle Trani
Member Absent: Dean Gustafson
Others Present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Kevin Cwikla (First Selectman) Catherine McCall (Minutes)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James McCaw at 7:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 7, 2021 ~ Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by J. Bender to approve the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes with the note that only J. Bender abstained on the approval of the May 10, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by R. Slate with the noted correction and approved with R. Slate abstaining.

III. OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. IW-AR-21-21: Patricia Browning/Justine Lapenna (owners), Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products Inc. (applicant), Cook Hill Road, Map 210, Lot 15. Selective timber harvest.

Chris Casadei of Hull Forest Products presented. They will be removing trees to improve the overall health of the forest and salvage the Ash ahead of the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Casadei is awaiting feedback from the Lebanon Department of Public Works Director concerning the entrance into the property from the road. Mr. Chester noted that the work may require a driveway bond. Temporary timber bridges and/or corduroy will be installed across drainage areas. C. Bender suggested that the entrance be clearly marked.

Mr. Casadei amended the application to note that Hull Forest Products will maintain Best Management Practices for Water Quality While Harvesting Forest Products.

Motion to approve the application made by R. Slate as an As-of-Right use with the condition that the Director of Public Works approves the driveway entrance. Motion seconded by J. Hallene and unanimously approved.

- b. IW-AR-21-22: Blain J. Kukevitch (owner), Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products Inc. (applicant), 75 Valinsky Road, Map 254, Lot 12. Selective timber harvest and pasture reclamation.

Chris Casadei presented. This effort is aimed at improving the forest and reclaiming two small pasture areas. There are wetlands in the form of intermittent drainage. A clean stone anti-tracking pad will be installed where the access road meets the paving. There is also a drainage area on the property that must be crossed. Timber bridges and/or corduroy will be installed to stabilize the area. It was noted that approval of the Director of Public Works must be obtained, and a driveway permit for the creation of a new access point off Valinsky Road will need to be applied for.

Motion to approve the application was made by J. Bender as an As-of-Right use with the condition that the Public Works Director approves the driveway entrance. Motion seconded by D. Latchum and unanimously approved.

V. TOWN PLANNERS REPORT

Mr. Chester noted that the town received a letter from DEEP indicating that the town's sand/salt management is not acceptable. The DPW would like to put up a temporary new salt shed that will provide full containment. Brandon Handfield (Yantic River Consultants, LLC) explained the proposal in detail and answered questions of the Commission. He noted that the new salt shed will be an improvement over the current one with regard to the environment. The metal-framed tarped structure would be built on pinned concrete blocks and have a paved floor.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Chester could sign a buffer permit to move forward with this effort. Carl Bender noted that this will not impact the wetlands.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Bender to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. The motion was seconded by R. Slate and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathe McCall