

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday June 27, 2018 @7:00PM

Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd., Chaplin, CT

Present: Chairman Scott Matthies, Virginia Walton and Mike Jenkins. Also present, Joseph Theroux Wetlands Agent

Chairman Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:04PM

Seating of Alternates: Virginia Walton was seated a full member for Paul Deveny

Approval of Minutes: Mike Jenkins made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 23, 2018 meeting with one clarification that the 500 foot flood zone to be changed to 500 year flood zone. Virginia Walton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Audience of Citizens: Citizens present, but no comments at this time.

Additions to Agenda: 03-18 Julian Pocius 83 Phoenixville Road 1 ½ story house construction. Virginia Walton made a motion for the above applicant/application to be added to the agenda. Mike Jenkins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Bill Ireland: 5 North Bedlam Road-Quiet Corner Hop Farm LLC-Installation of inlet structure in watercourse for irrigation of crops. Has 78 acres on Bedlam/S Bedlam. Would use 5 acres to start with; take 3 years to get a crop of perennials. Plants have to have well drained soil. Inlet would be 2 ft deep, 6 ft long and 5 ft high. 1/10 acre pond is enough water to run drip system between ground and stream water. Significant ground water to recharge. The dug well on property is a little over 15 ft deep, had 11 ft of water. Would not run/recharge quick enough to run drip system. Mr. Ireland explained plan in detail. Commission asked questions which Mr. Ireland answered. Application falls under section 4 of regulations. Farming operation & agricultural use. Permitted as of right & non-regulated uses. There was a question relocating the watercourse. Agent Theroux referenced the map. Pond is less than 3 acres essential to farming operation-allowed to create pond per section 4 of the regulations. 1/10 of an acre does not meet needs. Will need to dig a larger pond, but must be under the 3 acres. 78 acres total in 5 acre increments. Mr. Ireland agreed with Commission recommendations and answered all questions.

Mike Jenkins made a motion to make a non-jurisdictional ruling under Section 4.1.A permitted use as of right. No wetlands permit required to conduct activity. Virginia Walton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

03-18 Julian Pocius 83 Phoenixville Road 1 ½ story house construction. Passed out and reviewed map/site plan with commission. Approx. 7,000 cu ft of excavated material will be used to fill the backyard (deposited) within 100 feet of the Button Ball Brook. Would like add a walkout basement for future use. The house would stay in the footprint of the trailer on site. The trailer is currently rented. Agent Theroux would like added to the plan that a row of silk fencing will be installed prior to construction outside the perimeter of the driveway. Chairman Matthies would like the silt fence to be drawn in. Would like the 7,000 cu ft that will be excavated where it will be spread and to keep it as far away from the brook as possible. Mr. Pocius also reviewed aerial photos with Commission. It was discussed that there should be a site walk by each Commission member. There will not be a decision made at this meeting. 65 days to act as of June 26th. Discussion closed at 7:45pm.

Correspondence: The Habitat.

Administrative Report: North Bear Hill Bridge

Commission Discussion: None

Adjournment: Mike Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Virginia Walton seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday July 25th @ 7PM at Chaplin Town Hall

Kerry Tetreault

Recording Secretary