

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Regularly scheduled monthly meeting

Wednesday December 17th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.
Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT.

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, P. Kegler, P. Stick, S. Rusch,
Staff: J. Theroux;

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Alternates seated: P. Stick for M. Jenkins

Additions to agenda: The 2015 budget, regulation revisions

Motion to add the 2015 budget to the agenda by P. Kegler, second by S. Rusch
Motion passed

**Review and acceptance of the minutes from Wednesday September 24, 2014
regularly scheduled meeting.**

Motion to accept minutes as presented by S. Rusch, second by P. Stick
Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2015 meeting schedule:

Chairman S. Matthies presented the 2015 meeting schedule dates, motion to approve by
P. Kegler, second by S. Rusch,
Motion passed

2015 Budget:

Chairman S. Matthies stated that the budget needed to be submitted by January 29th 2015
and the Commission discussed the line items.
Motion to approve by P. Kegler, second by P. Stick
Motion passed

North Bear Hill Bridge reconstruction project:

A presentation was conducted by Mr. Dennis Garceau from WMC Construction Engineers explaining the construction of a 70 foot single span precast concrete box beam superstructure bridge. The road width will be increased from 23 feet to 26 feet, and an existing 48 inch diameter concrete culvert will be replaced by a concrete 12 foot by 3 foot box culvert. The road elevation will also be increased to help with road flooding issues. The project start date is planned for spring 2016 and will take approx. 8 months to complete. The use of coffer dams to re-direct stream flows was described to the Commission, as was the use of rip rap to protect the stream banks and dewatering to remove ground water from the footings for the abutments.

Wetland impacts are 4,100 square feet, 1,756 square feet of disturbance to the watercourse, and 28,890 sq. ft. of disturbance in the upland review areas.

The Commission discussed the definitions of significant activities and it was the consensus of the Commission that the proposed activity did meet the definition and therefore a public hearing would be needed.

Motion that the proposed activity constitutes a significant activity based on the definition in the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations by P. Kegler, second by P. Stick Motion passed.

The Commission decided the public hearing will be held on January 28th, 2015 at 7:00 PM prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Regulation revisions:

The Commission discussed the need for a public hearing for the regulation revisions concerning the legislative changes to the model regulations and decided that this hearing should be held after the hearing for the North Bear Hill bridge project to save costs associated with the legal ads.

Correspondence:

An approval letter from Windham Water Works was received concerning the North Bear Hill Rd. bridge replacement project, a letter from the Board of Finance and the directory of Certified Soil Scientists was received.

Administrative Report:

Agent J. Theroux informed the Commission of numerous administrative signoffs on timber harvests, residential additions, deck and sheds.

Commission Discussion: none

Adjournment:

Motion by S. Rusch to adjourn, second by P. Stick.
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Theroux
Reluctant Acting Recording Secretary