

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Regularly scheduled monthly meeting

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT.

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, S. Rusch, P. Kegler, M. Jenkins, P. Deveny
Staff: J. Theroux;

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Alternates seated: None seated

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday October 24th, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting:

It was discussed that the minutes need to be amended to clarify that the jurisdictional ruling for the Randazzo- Quiet Corner Hops Farm timber harvest.

This proposed timber harvesting activity falls under the definition of a permitted use as of right under Section 4 of the Wetlands Regulations. This activity specified the harvesting of timber on the property with 3 temporary bridged stream crossing and clearcutting of the areas adjacent to the wetlands. It was also specified that no grubbing, removal of stones, rock or stumps would occur within the wetlands adjacent to the clearcut areas.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by M. Jenkins, second by S. Rusch
Motion passed.

Audience of Citizens: **None**

Additions to agenda: **Hull Forest Products-Mott property timber harvest notification**

Quiet Corner Hops Farm: Request for Jurisdictional ruling

Motion to add items to the agenda by P. Kegler, second by M. Jenkins
Motion passed.

Old Business: **None.**

New Business: **Quiet Corner Hops Farm:**

Agent Theroux explained that the applicant previously came before the Commission to seek a jurisdictional ruling for the timber harvest on the property located at the corner of Bedlam and South bedlam Roads. It was discussed at that meeting that there was also the intention to also grub and remove stumps and rocks to a depth of two feet below the

ground surface outside the inland wetland boundaries. Mr. Randazzo, the contractor explained that however this was not part of the request for the jurisdictional ruling for the timber harvest and stream crossings. Thus, Agent Theroux requested that Mr. Ireland come before the Commission to seek a jurisdictional ruling for any additional activities adjacent to and within the wetlands.

Agent Theroux also added that in the submitted “Timber and rock contract” it stated that: “Within the wetland boundaries, all trees and brush would be cut off and removed, but stumps were to remain in the ground. Rocks visible on the surface 5 feet in diameter and smaller were to be removed. It was also specified in the copy of the contract that in the areas outside the wetland boundaries that all stumps and rocks would be removed down to a depth of two feet and the surface would be bladed relatively smooth.

Mr. Ireland described the proposed uses of the property, including hay fields, goat pastures and the cultivation of hops. He added that there would be no removal of stumps or stone from the wetlands, only within the upland clearcut areas. He further described the pictures that he included in the presentation and the hops harvesting process.

Motion by P. Kegler that the proposed clearing/grubbing activity outside the inland wetlands falls under section 4 of the regulations as a permitted use as of right.

Second by P. Deveny.

Motion passed.

Charmain Matthies added for clarification the any new activities such as filling or excavation within the wetlands does not fall under section 4 of the regulations and would require the application for and issuance of a permit under section 4.3 of the regulations.

Hull Forest Products-Mott property timber harvest notification:

Agent Theroux explained that the notification stated that there would be no activity within any wetlands, therefore it falls under section 4 of the regulations as a permitted use as of right.

Motion by P. Deveny that the proposed activity falls under the definition of a permitted use as of right under section 4 of the regulations, second by M. Jenkins.

Motion passed.

2019 Meeting dates:

Chairman Matthies explained the proposed meeting dates.

Motion to accept the schedule of meeting dates by P. Kegler, Second by S. Rusch.

Motion passed.

Correspondence: **The 2019 budget was discussed.**

Administrative Report:

Quiet Corner Hops Farm timber harvest:

Agent Theroux explained that although the clearcut and field areas of the property were extremely muddy and rutted, the selective timber harvest areas were stable and the stream crossing sites were ok. No siltation was observed in the streams.

Commission Discussion: **None**

Adjournment:

**Motion by P. Deveny to adjourn,
Second by S. Rusch
Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Theroux
Acting Recording Secretary