

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Regularly scheduled monthly meeting**

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, P. V. Walton, D. Cates, P. Kegler  
Staff: J. Theroux;

**S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**Alternates seated:** V. Walton for P. Deveny

**Additions to agenda:** None

**Review and acceptance of the minutes from Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting.**

**Motion to accept minutes as presented by D. Cates, second by V. Walton**  
**Motion passed.**

**Audience of Citizens: None**

**New Business:**

**Application IW-01-17, Mr. Richard St. Dennis, 146 South Bear Hill Rd. Application for regulated activities within wetlands and watercourses/remediation of wetlands.**

Mr. St. Dennis explained to the Commission his activities conducted within the inland wetlands and watercourses on his property pointing out on his plan where the watercourses were and activities conducted prior to his ownership. This included removal of vegetation, downed trees and wood. He indicated that he excavated/disturbed an approximate area 6 feet wide by 218 feet in length (1308 SF/ .03 acres) while cleaning up the wetlands. He added that the excavated materials were graded out level in the wetlands.

Agent Theroux asked if this area was included in the disturbed area and he said no.

John Ianni (Soil Scientist) flagged the wetland boundaries but to date no report was received.

Mr. St. Dennis explained that he was told that a report was sent to J. Theroux, The town Wetland Agent.

Chairman Matthies explained that the Commission needed to see a detailed, accurate site plan showing the limits of the wetlands flagged, locations of the watercourses, and limits of disturbance in the wetlands. He added that a report from the Soil Scientist describing the wetland functions and values, the impacts to the wetlands and watercourses from the

disturbance, and wetland remediation was also required for the Commission to make a decision on whether this activity/application constituted a significant impact.

Mr. St. Dennis asked the Commission if he could cut piled up firewood, move stones gathered to construct a stone wall, and mow areas that he has maintained. It was the consensus of the Commission that this was ok, provided there was no additional disturbance within the wetlands.

V. Walton asked if in these cases did the Commission conduct site walks to review site conditions. Agent Theroux explained that the Commission would most likely schedule a site walk once they received the report and site plan from the soil scientist.

**Motion to receive application by: V. Walton**

**Second By: P. Kegler**

**Motion carried**

Mrs. St. Dennis asked if they could get the approval to cut wood, gather stones and mow in writing, Chairman Matthies explained that the approval would be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Chairman Matthies re-iterated that a report from the soil scientist describing the wetland functions/values, impacts from disturbance, wetland remediation, and an accurately drafted site plan was required.

**Correspondence: None**

**Administrative Report:**

Agent J. Theroux informed the Commission that he would continue to monitor Marcy Road.

**Commission Discussion:** V. Walton asked if there was a public venue to allow the general public to access information on wetlands regulation in town. Agent Theroux explained that the Town website for the Commission had info, applications and the regulations posted. It was suggested that possibly info might be mailed or put into periodicals circulated throughout town.

Timeframes for applications and approvals was also discussed.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by P. Kegler to adjourn,**

**Second by D. Cates**

**Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Theroux  
Reluctant Acting Recording Secretary