

TOWN OF CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING for 146 South Bear Hill Road, Chaplin CT Wetland Remediation
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 2017

Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road Chaplin, CT

Chairman Scott Matthies opened the public hearing at 7pm.

Members Present: Sharyn Rusch, Peter Kegler, Michael Jenkins, Peter Stick, Mike O'Neill and Doug Cates. Also present: Wetlands Agent, Joseph Theroux

Chairman Matthies submitted a report from Highland Soils, LLC with maps along with a draft of restoration procedures from Highland Soils, LLC dated August 16, 2017 to be entered into the record. Also entered into the record was the original Wonderland Farm Estate subdivision plans that were approved October 23, 2003 which also has wetlands delineation.

John Ianni, Soil Scientist from Highland Soils, LLC is present as the applicant representative. Mr. Ianni conducted a wetlands delineation at the property, and after more information was requested, he completed a functions and values report. Mr. Ianni explained how process will go and that is a relatively simple process that will have no permanent damage once it is put back the way it was. A backhoe would come in and scrape the material with the bucket and place it back in the channel during a dry period. Don't expect any sediment to go off site. Would take about 2 hours. The vegetation will reclaim the area rapidly. Chairman Matthies asked Mr. Ianni to give a quick review of the function of the wetland. Mr. Ianni gave a pretty complete explanation. The main function is water quality. Small area, but not a wildlife type wetland. Filled in to try and slow the water down. Work can be done in the next couple of weeks once approval is given. Mr. Ianni answered Commission members and Wetland Agent Theroux questions. Agent Theroux mentioned that the wetland consultant should do some monitoring. Halfway through project and at the end. Mr. Ianni was in agreement. Agent Theroux plans to do that as well. Chairman Matthies made mention that page 2 of report should read south and east not north and west. This will be revised along with a correction in the last paragraph with same changes. Mr. Ianni requested that the August 16th letter to Agent Theroux be revised to include the 3 inspections. No further comments from the commission. No comments from the public. Chairman Matthies closed the public hearing at 7:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry M. Tetreault

Recording Secretary