

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday June 26, 2019 @7:00PM

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

Chairman Matthies opened the public hearing at 7:01PM. 23 Tower Hill Road (Cutoff), Chaplin, CT Plandome Capital, LLC proposed 2 pond construction at property. Chairman Matthies stated that member Paul Deveny has recused himself from this application.

Norm Tebow (sp?) representing the applicant is a licensed professional engineer explained the application in detail, provided the commission with plans, maps. He explained that there would be a total of about 4700 square feet of wetlands disturbance between the 2 ponds. Tests pits have been dug with the Department of Health for future septic system. The test pits have indicated seasonally high-water tables at 36-42 inches below the surface. The 1st pond would be about 13 feet deep with a berm on the western side. The wetlands in that area would serve as a mechanism to feed the proposed pond. The pond will support fish year-round. Applicant proposing 14,000 square feet of tree removal that is within the wetlands. Stumps would be left and it will provide a visual from the future house to the pond. The removal of the trees in the wetlands area will provide more of a scrub shrub area. Pond #2 is proposed to be 7800 square feet for a swimming hole w/silt fence backed with stacked hay bales or wood chips. There will be 1,988 square feet of wetlands disturbance. 2 corrugated metal culverts are in poor condition, propose to replace them with class 4 concrete. The road area is used for going back and forth on the property, would be top dressed to improve surface area. The town will have to give permission for that work to be done, since it is a discontinued road. Mr. Tebow discussed in detail the Wetlands Impact Report completed by Ian Cole-professional registered soil & wetlands scientist. Mr. Tebow also read Mr. Cole's professional opinions and recommendations for this project. He read the impacts that would affect the wetlands area. Short term impact during construction would be minimal and minimized through erosion and sedimentation control guidelines would not create any negative or adverse impact on the wetlands area for this project. Long term impacts would be the diversity of habitat changing from forest to scrub shrub environment. Any impact would be temporary. The proposed wetlands area is located on slopes which provides water flow instead of sitting water. Mr. Cole also recommended to inspect the proposed wetlands to be inspected during construction after a rain event for evidence of potential runoffs. This report can be accessed at Chaplin Town Hall.

Commission members had some questions which were answered to the best of his ability by Mr. Tebow.

Chairman Matthies closed the Public Hearing at 7:34PM