

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES and CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting**  
**October 25, 2023**  
**Chaplin Town Hall**

Present: S. Matthies, Chair; S. Rusch, P. Kegler, D. Field, Virginia Walton, D. Cates, M. Jenkins

Absent: None

Staff: J. Theroux, Wetlands Agent; S. Welshman Recording Secretary

Others: None

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

Alternates seated: D. Field was seated for M. Jenkins (late arrival).

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, September 27, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting:

***Motion by P. Kegler to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for the 9/27/2023 meeting, second by D. Field. Discussion: All in favor of approving the Minutes of the 9/27/2023 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.***

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- **Town of Chaplin: England Road Bridge Reconstruction Project**

Scott Matthies, Chair, asked the Commission if they had the opportunity to review the submitted documents for this application and if anyone had any questions, comments or concerns. He stated that this was probably one of the most thorough applications submitted to the IWWC. P Kegler stated that he felt all questions were answered when the engineers came before the Commission in September. D Field stated that she felt the application was extremely thorough and that she learned a lot. V Walton asked a question about who will be overseeing the construction as the Clerk of the Works. S Welshman, Selectman's Assistant, explained that the consulting engineer firm WMC was awarded the bid to act as the Clerk of the Works and would be monitoring and reporting on all phases of the construction. J Theroux, Wetland Agent, will also be performing frequent inspections. S Matthies summarized by stating that he was in favor of an approval based on the excellent design, work being performed above the high-water mark, no instream work or impacts to the Natchaug River, no impacts to delineated wetlands, limited impacts to Town regulated upland review areas and clear communications & inspections. ***MOTION made by P Kegler to approve the application as submitted, seconded by D Cates. Discussion: All in favor of approving the application as submitted. MOTION was carried unanimously.***

New Business:

Correspondence: CT Land Conservation Council Newsletter

Administrative Report: J. Theroux reported that he is monitoring the construction of the fire pond behind the CVFD and that, currently, most of the new road has been constructed, but the new pond area has been too wet to continue construction. J Theroux stated that he would recommend holding off continuing the construction for a dryer season.

Conservation Commission Business: S Matthies reported that a new, larger pipe has been installed at Darling Pond. He is unsure if the existing culvert is still there. D Field volunteered to inspect next time she is there.

Commission Discussion: S Matthies reported that D Field and M Jenkins terms on the Commission will be expiring in November. D Fields will be recommended to become a Regular Member, M Jenkins will be recommended to become an Alternate Member and resident Tiffany Mazzerella has expressed interest in joining the Commission and will be recommended to the BOS as an Alternate Member.

Adjournment: *Motion by D. Cates to adjourn, seconded by P. Kegler. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Susan Welshman  
Recording Clerk