

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
November 17, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: P. Kegler; D. Cates; D. Field; V. Walton, S. Rusch, S. Matthies
Staff: J. Theroux
Others: Tristin Wallace

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

Alternates seated: G. Walton for M. Jenkins

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, October 27th, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting:

Motion by G. Walton to approve regular meeting minutes for the October 27th, 2021
Second by P. Kegler. All in favor.
Motion passed.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

A.) Jamie Long 161 England Rd. Notice of violation. Construction of garage without permit.

Mr. Long was not present. The wetland delineation report from Richard Zulick was submitted to the Commission for review.

Agent Theroux informed the Commission that the building inspector notified Mr. Long that there was a issue with the foundation of the garage not meeting the building code and the garage may need to be disassembled, and the foundation would have to be excavated.

It was the consensus of the Commission that this activity would have to be shown on a revised plan and be approved.

The application is tabled until the next meeting.

B.) Mehak Realty, LLC; 64-66 Willimantic Road, Proposed gas station.

Tristin Wallace from Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc went over the plans with the Commission and explained the differences between the old and new plans. He also explained how the subsurface drainage infiltration system works.

S. Matthies asked about the discharge of the system after the stormwater is treated. T. Wallace explained it and indicated that the system is designed for a 100 year storm event. S. Matthies asked about a maintenance schedule, inspections and could these be reported to the Wetlands Agent. T. Wallace said this was possible and could be a condition of approval. Agent Theroux indicated he was comfortable with the revised plan.

Motion by P. Kegler to approve the application for 64-66 Willimantic Road, Proposed gas station with the condition that the maintenance schedule and inspection reports are to be submitted to the Wetlands Agent. Second by D. Field. All in favor.
Motion passed.

New Business: 2022 Meeting dates:

Motion by D. Cates to approve the 2022 meeting dates: Meetings to be held at 7pm, Town Hall on 1/26/22, 2/23/22, 3/23/22, 4/27/22, 5/25/22, 6/22/22, 7/27/22, 8/24/22, 9/28/22, 10/26/22, 11/16/22 (week early due to holiday), 12/28/22 and 1/25/23. Second by D. Field. All in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: J. Theroux reported that the fire department is considering digging a new fire pond adjacent to the firehouse and South Bear Hill Road extension. Agent Theroux walked the site with Bob Dubos and found a suitable location. He will assist the fire dept. with the site plan and application.

Agent Theroux also informed the Commission of an ongoing flooding issue caused by beavers damming up a watercourse located on the Gingras property at 157 Willimantic Rd. The property being flooded is 19 Chappell Street and their septic system is currently under water. Mrs. Gingras has been working with trappers to remove the beavers.

Conservation Commission Business: The new signs were reviewed by the Commission and the posting of the Helen Garrison Trust property was discussed.

Commission Discussion:

G. Walton discussed the pollinator pathway corridor, meetings were conducted in Chaplin, Mansfield and Windham. Mansfield has a webpage and a template was created to map these corridors.

**Adjournment: Motion by P. Kegler to adjourn, Second by D. Cates. All in favor. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm**

*Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Theroux
Acting Recording Secretary*