

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting**  
February 23, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Chaplin Town Hall & REMOTE via GOTOMEETING

Present: S. Matthies; D. Field; V. Walton, S. Rusch  
Absent: P. Kegler; D. Cates; M. Jenkins  
Staff: J. Theroux  
Others: Representative from the Fin Fur & Feather

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

Alternates seated: D. Field for P. Kegler and V. Walton for M. Jenkins

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, December 15, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by S. Rusch to approve regular meeting minutes for the December 15, 2021**  
**Second by D. Field. V. Walton abstained. All in favor.**  
**Motion passed.**

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda:

**Motion by D. Field to add Election of Officers and Approve FY 2022-23 Budget under new business. Second by V. Walton. All in favor.**  
**Motion passed.**

Old Business:

- A.) Jamie Long 161 England Rd. Notice of violation. Construction of garage without permit. S. Matthies reported that there have been discussions between applicant and different agencies in Town. J. Theroux reported that the applicant was notified by the building official that the foundation of the garage is inadequate, and he needs frost walls. Mr. Long applied for a variance from the State and was denied. It is now back with the building official, and it needs to be made code compliant. S. Matthies suggests the applicant comes back when he has a solution and then apply for a permit again. J. Theroux will write a letter to the applicant. There have been no fines yet, but he had to pay double the application fee due to the violation and the second application fee was waved. S. Matthies stated that when he fixes the foundation and due to the area being disturbed again, he will need to come before the Wetlands commission.

New Business:

- A.) Fin, Fur & Feather Club Pond shoreline reclamation and drainage pipe installation. J. Theroux explained that there are two different things going on with this project. In the large pond they are looking to excavate about 10 feet of shoreline edge to get rid of the buildup of aquatic vegetation and sediment. They need to do this because it interferes with fly fishing. They will bring it to the two dewatering stockpile sites, once it dewateres then they will disperse it and spread it out. They have good roads around the pond to get to these areas and the power lines are not an issue.

The second facet of the application is the chain of 3 ponds, the second to last pond has an existing pipe and at the joint it has a peak that is eroding which needs to be fixed. The purpose of this application is to reinstall pipe about 142 feet for pond overflow, 15" pipe. Adjacent to this pipe they want to install a smaller 6" pipe to regulate the level of the pond. The Fin, Fur, and Feather representative stated it will be hitting the same splash plate that is already there and won't change. The 6" pipe will have a valve to leak the water out slowly when lowering the pond. D. Field stated it doesn't look like any wetlands are being disturbed. J. Theroux said that the upper pond area does have a control structure which will minimize disturbance. S. Matthies stated they can't act on the application but can accept it.

**Motion by D. Field to accept the application from the Fin, Fur, & Feather Club. Seconded by S. Rusch. All in favor. Motion Passed.**

Correspondence: CT Land Conservation Council letter was received requesting funds.

Approve FY 2022-23 Budget: S. Matthies reported that the budget was submitted with 0% increase. The conservation budget was moved over and total budget for Inland Wetlands and Conservation is \$18,587.25.

**Motion by S. Rusch to approve the budget. Second by D. Field. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Election of Officers:

**Motion by V. Walton to nominate the same officials in the commission, Second by D. Field. Discussion: Scott Matthies, Chair; Pete Kegler, Vice Chair, Mike Jenkins, Secretary. All in favor. Motion Passed.**

Administrative Report: Agent Theroux stated that it has been quiet, no significant agent approvals.

Conservation Commission Business: S. Matthies presented a map of the Garrison Trust property and the commission discussed walking trails and where some pins were located. The Board of Finance Chair has been fighting to keep the open space line item of \$10,000 in the budget, there has been push back if the town needs more open space. These funds can be used to upgrade the parking area for the Garrison Trust, add gravel and allow parking for about 5 cars. D. Field mentioned grants may be available too through the Last Green Valley. S. Matthies will write a letter requesting to keep funds for this project.

**Motion by V. Walton authorizing the Chair to write a letter regarding open space funds. Seconded by S. Rusch. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Commission Discussion: Both V. Walton and S. Rusch took the online wetlands course and thought it was very good.

**Adjournment: Motion by D. Field to adjourn, Second by S. Rusch. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Krodel  
Recording Clerk*