

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting**  
June 28th, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: S. Matthies, D. Cates, P. Kegler, D. Field  
Staff: J. Theroux  
Others: B. Mott

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

Alternates seated: D. Field for M. Jenkins

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by D. Field to approve regular meeting minutes for the 10/26/2022 meeting:**  
**Second by P. Kegler. All in favor.**  
**Motion passed.**

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business: None

New Business: 106 Phoenixville Rd. Town of Chaplin Fire Department: Construction of fire pond.

Agent J. Theroux presented the details of the application for a 20,000 square foot fire pond and access road to be constructed behind the existing fire house.

The access road will extend from the existing parking lot, across an intermittent watercourse to South Bear Hill Road. The access road will allow for 2 or more fire trucks to be filled at once.

The Commission reviewed the plans submitted by B. Mott. Chairman S. Matthies asked about the dimensions of the stream crossing and if there was a detail on the plan showing a cross section. B. Mott stated the road would be 18 feet wide at the crossing site. P. Kegler asked if there would be a culvert pipe(s) installed to allow for flows under the road. J. Theroux stated that the size of the culvert pipes would have to be designed by a civil engineer. Chairman S. Matthies asked if there should be elevations labeled on the contours shown on the plans. B. Mott agreed and explained the contours to the Commission. Chairman S. Matthies asked if the on-site materials would be suitable to construct the berm. J. Theroux stated that B. Mott will have a soil scientist inspect the excavated materials for suitability. J. Theroux indicated that there needs to be a detail showing a de-watering basin, and that it should be located in the uplands to prevent silt and sediments from entering the wetlands. J. Theroux stated that he will be delineating the wetlands so when the Commission comes out to view the site, they will be able to locate the position of the crossing and pond.

**Motion by P. Kegler to accept the application for review.**  
**Second by D. Cates. All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: Agent J. Theroux explained to the Commission the ongoing issues with beavers flooding the pond adjacent to Chappell Street, causing issues with the septic systems of two residences. It was the consensus of the Commission that this is a civil matter and they have no authority to issue a notice of violation or corrective order.

Chairman S. Matthies asked about the status of the Bestway gas station project and Agent J. Theroux stated that there are no issues. The E&S measures were installed and maintained well. No sedimentation has reached any wetlands.

Conservation Commission Business:

D. Field discussed the potential expansion of the disc golf course located on the back side of Darling Pond. Some clearing of vegetation and construction of "T" boxes will be needed.

Commission Discussion: None

**Adjournment: Motion by P. Kegler to adjourn, Second by D. Cates. All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm**

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