

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES and CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting**  
**September 28, 2022**  
**Chaplin Town Hall**

Present: S. Rusch, P. Kegler, D. Cates, D. Field, V. Walton

Absent: S. Mathies, M. Jenkins

Staff: J. Theroux, S. Welshman

Others: Applicant, Merritt Knight and Mrs. Knight; soil scientist Richard Zulick

P. Kegler called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Alternates seated: V. Walton was seated for M. Jenkins

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, July 27 2022, regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by D. Cates to approve regular meeting minutes for the 7/27/2022 meeting, second by S. Rusch. Discussion: All in favor of approving the Minutes of the 7/27/2022 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.**

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

New Business: Mr. Merrit Knight, 19 Bolduc Lane, construction of a farm pond. Mr. Zulick presented the site plans to the Commission with a brief project over-view which proposes a 60'x70', 5-8' deep pond down gradient on the property. Removal of topsoil will be stockpiled and used in upland areas. Mr. Knight reported that there will be no filling, just excavation. He also stated that he wishes to construct a level and mow-able berm around the entire pond. J Theroux asked if de-watering would be necessary during excavation with Mr. Knight responding that he does not foresee a need for de-watering given the large size of the excavator and the short amount of time it will take to excavate. V. Walton questioned the use of the term "farm pond" when no animals or farming are present or occurring. R Zulick answered that this is not intended to be a recreational pond and that applicant is not stating use of right. Discussion of site walk occurred with a date and time of Tuesday, 10/11/2022 @ 5:30 pm being agreed upon by all. **Motion by D.Cates to accept the application, seconded by S.Rusch. All in favor, motion passed.**

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: Agent Theroux reported that Jamie Long, 161 England Road, has yet to file a permit application and that the Town Attorney is litigating at this time.

Conservation Commission Business: None

Commission Discussion: P. Kegler stated that the use of the term “farm pond” was a good question and that he does not believe that Mr. Knight is trying to deceive the Commission as to its use. P. Kegler noted, along with J. Theroux, that the DEEP acknowledges a “farm pond” in its intention, whether or not animals are currently present.

Adjournment: **Motion by S. Rusch to adjourn, seconded by D. Cates. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Susan Welshman  
Recording Clerk