

# CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7PM**

**Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road Chaplin, CT**

**Chairman Scott Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:14PM.**

**Present:** Sharyn Rusch, Peter Kegler, Michael Jenkins, Peter Stick, Michael O'Neill and Doug Cates. Also present Wetlands Agent, Joseph Theroux.

**Alternates Seated:** Alternate Michael O'Neill was seated as a full member in place of Paul Deveny.

**Approval of Minutes:** Peter Kegler made a motion to review and accept the July 26, 2017 minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting. Sharyn Rusch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Audience of Citizens:** Bob Dumas is here on the behalf of his neighbor who owns property next to 100 Bedlam Road which is on the agenda for new business as a timber harvest notification. Mr. Dumas neighbor who could not attend the meeting is stating that about 3 of the acres that belong to 100 Bedlam Road in fact belong to him as the survey was done incorrectly. He wants to have it resolved before any logging operation takes place. He also states that the number of trees proposed to be taken down would cause erosion and flooding to his property. He wants to avoid a possible lawsuit situation that would include the town, the logger and the forester who did the mapping/report of the land. Agent Theroux asked Mr. Dumas if there is a report from the USDA. Mr. Dumas stated geologist was recently on site. Another neighbor is present Paul Peifer of 63 Bedlam Road. He states he has been hearing chainsaws on the property, smells smoke from possible brush fire and other issues happening that are not in the scope of the wetlands commission. Chairman Matthies reiterated that this is the wetlands commission and can only deal with issues on that level.

**Old Business:** 146 South Bear Hill Road Mr. Richard St. Dennis: Wetland remediation.

Time has run out on the application and a decision has to be made tonight by the commission. After lengthy discussion amongst the members and Agent Theroux, everyone is in agreement with restoration procedures including the additional inspections. Peter Kegler made a motion to approve the remediation application for 146 South Bear Hill Road to include the 2 additional inspections by the soil scientist (midway and final) and Chaplin Wetlands Agent to monitor and attend the final inspection once work is completed. Michael Jenkins seconded the motion. Fees have been paid so it is a completed application. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**New Business:** 100 Bedlam Road, Timber harvest notification.

Agent Theroux gave a summary of the project from the notification of timber harvest filed August 1, 2017. Agent Theroux presented an A-2 survey of the property for the commission to look at. Dated Oct 31, 2012. Owner is Kristin Kelly and the logger is Joe Randazzo. Total acreage of the property is 47.75 acres and total acreage of harvest area is approximately 42 acres. Agent Theroux has been out and inspected and walked the property. Property does have wetland delineation that was done back in 2012. No logging activity can be done prior to a permit being issued and approval from planning & zoning. Stone wall removal adjacent to wetlands does not fall under permitted use and would have to come before this commission. Doug Cates made a motion that the activity proposed falls under a non-jurisdictional ruling. Sharyn Rusch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Agent Theroux will send the landowner a letter to this effect. He cannot make conditions, but will make recommendations about any wetlands involvement.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Matthies handed out The Habitat.

**Administrative Report:** None

**Commission Discussion:** North Bear Hill Bridge: Proposed dewatering basin.

Discussed options from the June meeting. Chairman Matthies discussed that actual option that is being used is a silk sock. He went in to detail how it works. Agent Theroux also added to the explanation of the option that is being used. Agent Theroux has a call into the engineer as to why they went with this option. The commission is comfortable with that option if both the engineer and Agent Theroux are in agreement as well. Both Agent Theroux and Chairman Matthies both have been to the site. Chairman Matthies would like to request a hard copy report from the engineer on site.

**With no further business to discuss, Peter Kegler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Jenkins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Chaplin Town Hall.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kerry M. Tetreault*

*Recording Secretary*