

CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting Wednesday July 26th @ 7PM

Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT

In the absence of Chairman Scott Matthies, Peter Kegler called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Sharyn Rusch, Peter Kegler, Paul Deveny, Michael Jenkins, Peter Stick, Doug Cates and Wetlands Agent Joseph Theroux. Also present was Mr. John Ianni, Highland Soils, LLC.

Alternates Seated: All permanent members present.

Approval of Minutes: Sharyn Rusch made a motion to review and accept the June 28, 2017 minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting. Peter Stick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business: 146 South Bear Hill Rd. Mr. Richard St. Dennis: Wetland Remediation. Agent Theroux gave a quick update to the Commission members that were not present at the last meeting. Following the update, Mr. John Ianni came before the Commission. He is a Wetlands Consultant and a Professional Soil Scientist with Highland Soils LLC and is representing Mr. Richard St. Dennis by performing a wetlands delineation for the property at 146 South Bear Hill Road. He presented his report in detail which was handed out to each member of the Wetlands Commission. Mr. Ianni reiterated to the Commission and Agent Theroux that a pre-construction and on-site meeting-walk through should be attended by the Commission members so that the St. Dennis' know exactly what is expected of them along with a written proposed plan. Peter Kegler stated that this should be treated as a significant impact and that a 35-day extension will be needed. Mr. Ianni did not have a signed extension with him. It will be provided. Agent Theroux had several questions for Mr. Ianni about the process and how the work would be completed which Mr. Ianni answered. The St. Dennis' will be completing all work on their property not an outside contractor. Agent Theroux asked Mr. Ianni if he could come up with a basic plan for the St. Dennis' so it could be followed by some guidelines which would make it easier for all parties involved. Mr. Ianni was in agreement. Mr. Ianni said he was available for any further questions prior to the public hearing.

Agent Theroux discussed what a significant impact is to wetlands. and with the possibility of a public hearing for 146 South Bear Hill Road, Agent Theroux read to the Commission the Wetlands regulation 2.3.1 Section A-G. Upon recommendation from Agent Theroux, Michael Jenkins made a motion to deem this activity a significant activity based on regulation 2.3.1 section A-G and to schedule a public hearing. Doug Cates seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Agent Theroux stated the next regular meeting is on August 23rd. The public hearing will be held at 7pm with the regular meeting immediately after. The site walk through at 146 South Bear Hill Road will be on Wednesday August 9th at 6pm. Pete Kegler brought up the application fee has not been paid. Square footage disturbance was needed. Mr. Ianni has that information for Agent Theroux. Agent Theroux will send a letter to the St. Dennis' with the fee information that can be paid at the time of the public hearing.

New Business: None

Correspondence: Agent Theroux passed out copy of Connecticut Wildlife Magazine

Administrative Report: No administrative report at this time.

Commission Discussion: North Bear Hill Bridge: Proposed dewatering basin. Agent Theroux spoke with head engineer. Mattern construction is doing the work. Option they came up with was a frack tank. Lead engineer on the project agrees. Environmentally it is a better solution. Still about a month out before they get started with that part of the project. Agent Theroux went over the site plans with Commission and answered questions. The project should be in operation by next month's meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Doug Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharyn Rusch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday August 23rd at 7PM immediately following the public hearing for 146 South Bear Hill Road at Chaplin Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry M. Tetreault

Recording Secretary