

CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting Wednesday June 28th @ 7PM

Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT

Chairman Scott Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Present: Chairman Scott Matthies, Peter Kegler, Michael Jenkins, Doug Cates, Virginia Walton and Peter Stick.

Alternates Seated: Virginia Walton for Sharyn Rusch

Approval of Minutes: Virginia Walton made a motion to review and accept the May 24, 2017 minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting. Doug Cates 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. Commission discussed. Agent Theroux was not present. Chairman Matthies stated the Mr. St. Dennis is still within in allowed time frame, but even with a nice plan if will be difficult to make decision without seeing the site, to not declare it a significant impact and act on it at the next meeting (July 26th). For a 65-day extension, a written request would need to be submitted. If for some reason they do have a nice plan that shows wetlands delineations before & after the activity, description of wetland impacts and any remediation or wetland mitigation that they propose would be ideal, but the commission would want to set up a site walk, take a look and then following meeting make a decision on significant impact if it can be done based on that proposed plan. Commission discussed above options. Suggested to schedule a site walk and get 65-day extension or schedule a special meeting after the July 26th meeting. A public hearing will be needed if significant impact declared. Chairman Matthies let the Commission know he would not be present at July's meeting.

New Business:

Correspondence: Chairman Matthies passed out copies of The Habitat to each member.

Administrative Report: No administrative report at this time.

Commission Discussion: North Bear Hill Bridge: Proposed dewatering basin. Engineer and Agent Theroux were not present at the meeting. Chairman Matthies and Agent Theroux met at the site without the engineer. Chairman Matthies referred to meeting minutes from January 28, 2015 that discussed proposed dewatering basin. Basically 2 options. Option 1 is on the north side of the road that borders Bill Ireland's property to take small patch of upland that has trees

growing on it, cut the trees down and place a temporary dewatering basin which would include textile fabric and hay bales to try and create a basin to collect sediment. This option would remove trees, compress the soils and probably kill any vegetation in that area. Unclear how to remove sediment without puncturing fabric etc.

Option 2 is to place a temporary portable retention basin which looks like a 30 or 40-yard dumpster. Place it on the roadway and water gets pumped into there, sediment settles at bottom, clean water flows out the top. Engineer will need to clarify where water would flow to, the roadway or vegetated area of upland since it is clean water or into floodplain wetland.

Commission discussed. **Michael Jenkins made a motion to approve option 2 with approved plan to present to Wetlands Agent Theroux for approval. Doug Cates seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.**

With no further business to discuss, Pete Kegler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Jenkins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday July 26th at 7PM at Chaplin Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry M. Tetreault

Recording Secretary