

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Regularly scheduled monthly meeting

Wednesday September 24th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.
Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT.

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, P. Deveny, P. Stick, S. Rusch, M. Jenkins, M. O'Neill
Staff: J. Theroux;

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M.

Review and acceptance of the minutes from Wednesday May 28, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as presented by S. Rusch, second by M. Jenkins
Motion passed.

Alternates seated: P. Stick for D. Field and M. O'Neill for P. Kegler

Old Business: None

New Business:

122 Bedlam Rd. Mr. Chris Komuvues: Construction of a gravel road

Mr. Komuvues described the purpose of the road which is to access the property for the purposes of removing invasive species and to create wildlife habitat. Chairman Matthies asked several questions about the details of the road construction shown in the plans and project overall. 4 separate crossing sites will impact a total of 3,872 square feet of wetlands/watercourses. Agent Theroux added that he was familiar with the site and saw no serious issues with the project overall.

Mr. Komuvues added that the construction timeframe was this month and the contractor would be available to do the work ASAP. It was the overall consensus of the Commission that potential impacts to the wetlands/watercourses would be minimized if the project construction would be done ASAP due to the dry conditions and low water table levels. Due to the application procedure/time constraints it was the consensus of the Commission that it would be appropriate that they authorize Agent Theroux to handle the application as an Agent approval so the timeframe could be met.

Motion by P. Deveny to authorize Agent Theroux to process the application as an Agent approval,
Second by M. Jenkins,
Motion passed.

Correspondence:

A letter from CT DEEP outlining the ongoing wetlands commissioner training program, a letter and CD from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission concerning the upgrading of the Algonquin gas line and a letter from DEEP Inland Water Resources Unit concerning the issuance of the Dam Safety Permit for the reconstruction of the Darling Pond dam were received.

Administrative Report:

Agent J. Theroux informed the Commission of numerous administrative signoffs on timber harvests, residential additions, deck and sheds.

Commission Discussion:

Chairman Matthies discussed Commissioner attendance issues and brought up the idea of reducing the number of members needed to have a quorum. He will research the issue.

Adjournment:

Motion by M. O'Neill to adjourn, second by P. Deveny.
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Theroux
Reluctant Acting Recording Secretary