

CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES, AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
December 15, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: P. Kegler, D. Cates, D. Field, S. Rusch, S. Matthies
Others: Hill Bullard

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Alternates seated: D. Field for M. Jenkins

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, November 17, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting:

Motion by P. Kegler to approve regular meeting minutes for November 17th, 2021
Second by D. Field. All in favor.
Motion carries.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

A.) Jamie Long 161 England Rd. Notice of violation. Construction of garage without permit.

Mr. Long was not present and did not grant an extension to the commission. There was a consensus that due to the building inspector requirements and the unknowns of further site disturbance, there was not enough information for the commission to make a decision and was therefore incomplete.

Motion by D. Cates to deny the application without prejudice as incomplete.
Second by D. Field. All in favor.
Motion carries.

New Business:

A.) Joshua's Trust Subdivision.

Hill Bullard represented the Trust and explained that this was not a subdivision, but a "free cut", a division. The commission discussed whether this fell under the subdivision portion of our regulations requiring a subdivision application to come before the commission if there were wetlands/watercourses on the property. Without the necessary legal expertise, the commission chose to remand the application to the wetlands agent as there are negligible impacts to the wetlands/watercourse in one corner of the parcel. H. Bullard stated that this would not impede his timeline to go before P&Z by their January meeting. He also explained that there was a conservation restriction on the parcel which didn't allow for any further development: no new structures or land disturbances.

Motion by D. Cates to remand the application to the wetlands agent for an agent issued permit.
Second by S. Rusch. All in favor.
Motion carries.

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: None

Conservation Commission Business: D. Field will be leading several walks representing the town and Joshua's Trust for the upcoming Bicentennial celebration. She asked if the commission would like to be a part. It was the consensus of the commission that she could name the commission as a co-sponsor with Joshua's Trust for these walks. This would help spread the word that the Conservation Commission is active once again.

Commission Discussion: None

Adjournment: Motion by D. Cates to adjourn, Second by P. Kegler. All in favor.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Matthies

Acting Recording Secretary