

**TOWN OF CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF A BUSINESS MEETING *AMENDED
HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2016 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CHAPLIN TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Chairman Scott Matthies; Vice Chairman Michael Jenkins; Sharyn Rusch; Peter Stick

Members Absent: Paul Deveny, Peter Kegler

Alternates Seated: Michael O'Neill for Peter Kegler, Virginia Walton for Vacancy

Also present: Joe Theroux, Inland Wetlands Agent, Applicant's engineer Matt Maynard for IW-05-16; Rodney Larrivee, applicant for IW-06-16; Elizabeth Marsden, Recording Clerk

Call to order: Chairman Scott Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes reviewed from September 28, 2016 regular meeting. V. Walton suggested that the minutes be amended to note that S. Matthies requested that the engineer include location of topsoil piles in the plan and bring amended plan before the Commission at this month's meeting. **Motion** to approve Sept 28 minutes (amended) by M. Jenkins, seconded by S. Rusch, **motion** carried unanimously.

Old Business:

a. Application IW-05-16; 3 lot subdivision on South Bear Hill Road; Matt Maynard, engineer for project presented amended plan for subdivision: added elevation, grading, septic area grading. 2:1 slopes in any tight areas. Location of topsoil piles *and proposed grading have been added on the plan as S. Matthies had requested. Mr. Maynard said the *topsoil stockpile areas will be of a reasonable size ~~and consistent~~ *to handle area being cleared as well as any tree stumps produced.

Discussion:

S. Matthies said he was satisfied with the plan *and felt there were no wetland impacts and minimal potential wetland impacts. J. Theroux said provided site plan is followed, wetlands won't be impacted by the project.

Motion to approve Application IW-05-16 by M. Jenkins, seconded by M. O'Neill, **motion** carried unanimously.

b. Application IW-06-16; Rodney Larrivee, 325 Phoenixville Road; Filling wetlands.

Discussion: No new information since last month's meeting. Applicant submitted application fee of \$410 tonight, so application is complete. Commission members did a group site walk at the location. V. Walton clarified that there was fill in wetlands placed by previous property owner. S. Matthies concurred and said this application is only concerning new fill placed. V. Walton said it wasn't clear to her that the area they were discussing was in the wetlands. S. Matthies said the fill is affecting wetlands, there is a loss of some square footage of wetlands. S. Matthies said there is a large area of wetlands on the property, the fill is a minimal encroachment on that, groundwater recharge is maintained. S. Matthies said that requiring landowner to remove fill to expose wetland soils would create more of a disturbance, but he would like to see steep slope leading into wetland stabilized, he asked for J. Theroux's input. J. Theroux said a 2:1 or 3:1 slope would be OK. Revegetation in season would be ideal to prevent further sediment from seeping into wetlands. He suggested using wood chips now due to fall/winter season.

Applicant said he isn't clear about the significance of the slope, as far as he knows the material is all stone, not fill that will wash away. S. Matthies said he saw other material besides stone, J. Theroux says there is material that would cause sediment to wash through. S. Matthies explained that bare soil will allow a channel to form. J. Theroux again suggested a foot or more depth of wood chips and they discussed where to get them.

Motion to ~~accept~~ *approve IW-06-16 (with addition of wood chip installation based on discussion) by M. Jenkins, seconded by S. Rusch, all in favor, **motion** carried unanimously.

c. IW-07-16; Alan Newton, 12 Cross Road, 2 lot subdivision.

Discussion: S. Matthies said it was a fairly straightforward application. No changes to the original plan. No physical activity on land, just drawing a line on a map. Two existing houses on one lot to be divided into 2 lots.

Motion to ~~accept~~ *approve IW-07-16 by S. Rusch, seconded by M. Jenkins, **motion** carried unanimously.

d. IW-08-16; Todd Strickett, 48 Cross Road, Pool construction within upland review area.

Discussion: Applicant is not present. S. Matthies said no application fee has been received, so application isn't complete. J. Theroux has not heard from applicant since September IWWC meeting and doesn't know outcome of

Planning and Zoning Commission compliance involvement. PZC also has jurisdiction over location of pool, and IWWC can only address wetlands impact issues. J. Theroux suggested they table the application until next month's meeting, J. Theroux will send applicant a letter reminding him of the process and requesting a response. He suggested that any approval by IWWC be conditional upon PZC requirements.

Motion to table IW-08-16 until November meeting by S. Rusch, seconded by P. Stick, **motion** carried unanimously.

New Business: None

Correspondence: Habitat Magazines

Administrative Report: 80 Marcy Road, nothing significantly new per J. Theroux, PZC gave them a deadline of November to clean up junk and unregistered vehicles. S. Matthies suggested J. Theroux send a letter reminding them of November deadline.

J. Theroux received a call from a logger who will be cutting some timber on the Fin, Fur, and Feather property, Park Drive. No wetlands or wetland crossings. J. Theroux requested a walk-through of the area prior to beginning of project to verify no wetlands will be affected, and logger agreed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by M. Jenkins at 7:37 p.m., seconded by S. Rusch, **motion** carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 16** (one week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Marsden
Recording Clerk