

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES and CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
October 26, 2022
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: S. Matthies, S. Rusch, P. Kegler, D. Cates, D. Field, V. Walton

Absent: Joe Theroux, M. Jenkins

Staff: S. Welshman

Others: Applicant, Merritt Knight

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Alternates seated: D. Field was seated for M. Jenkins

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, September 29, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting:

Motion by D. Cates to approve regular meeting minutes for the 9/29/2022 meeting, second by P. Kegler. Discussion: All in favor of approving the Minutes of the 9/29/2022 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business: Mr. Merritt Knight: 19 Bolduc Lane, construction of a farm pond. Scott Matthies stated that there was no need to refer to the pond as a farm pond since it will not be its use. P. Kegler stated that the aerial photo of the property looks a little different than the actual site as seen on a site walk by the Commission on 10/11/2022. The area in question is small compared to how it looks on the aerial. No additions to the site plan were requested. S. Matthies stated that J. Theroux saw no issues or problems with the proposed project. An application fee of \$225 was received by staff from Mr. Knight. **MOTION by P. Kegler to approve the application as presented. D. Field seconded the MOTION. Discussion: P. Kegler asked that Mr. Knight contact and notify Agent J. Theroux before digging begins. MOTION CARRIED with S. Matthies abstaining.**

New Business:

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: None

Conservation Commission Business: None

Commission Discussion: V. Walton asked if the Conservation Commission should begin an educational program for residents regarding Wetlands and Watercourses. The Commission discussed ways of doing this with informational emails sent to residents via Google Groups. S. Matthies reported that the Supreme Court recently discussed the definition of regulated areas;

watercourses being the focus. They found that a watercourse does not need to be continuous or navigable to be regulated.

Adjournment: Motion by S. Rusch to adjourn, seconded by D. Cates. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Welshman
Recording Clerk