

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes **AMENDED**
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
September 22, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: Chairman S. Matthies; D. Cates; D. Field
Absent: P. Kegler; P. Deveny; M. Jenkins; V. Walton
Staff: J. Theroux
Others: S. Krodel, Recording Clerk

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

Alternates seated: D. Field for P. Deveny

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, August 25, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting:

Motion by D. Field to approve regular meeting minutes for August 25, 2021

Second by D. Cates. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda:

Motion by D. Cates to add agenda item “Conservation Commission Business”.

Second by D. Field. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Old Business: Jamie Long 161 England Rd. Notice of violation. Construction of garage without permit. S. Matthies stated that the commission has been trying to work with Mr. Long but has not heard back from him. Mr. Long was in attendance of the meeting and explained to commission members that due to the pandemic and financial struggles he has not been able to afford a wetlands delineation. S. Matthies said that per state statute and the time limits they would have to deny him the permit. Mr. Long did not understand why the delineation had to be done seeing the garage is in the same area where his driveway is, and it shows on the plot plans. J. Theroux stated that the reason to do the delineation is to show on record where the wetlands are near the building. It needs to be documented and on record to be issued a permit. Mr. Long stated that he was quoted \$1500-\$2500 to do a delineation which he cannot afford right now. J. Theroux said that to do a wetlands delineation it should not be that expensive and offered Mr. Long names of soil scientists that will give him reasonable quotes. S. Matthies suggested Mr. Long continue to work on this and with the building official and zoning officer and when he is ready, he can put in another application. Mr. Long agreed and will meet with J. Theroux next Tuesday.

New Business: None

Conservation Commission Business: S. Matthies stated that he hasn't progressed any further regarding the medallions but would like to move forward with determining the boundaries of the Garrison Trust property once the leaves are down. He asked the commission what they think should go on the medallions that would be universal for different properties. He recommended “Town of Chaplin”, green on white and a pine tree symbol. The commission agreed and

discussed the distance of 50 feet or less and that the sign on the property already designated Garrison trust as open space.

Correspondence: None

D. Field mentioned that there is question regarding the trail behind Darling Pond and at what point does it become Joshua's Trust? Once you get past the pond/hay field in the back trail where does the trust start? Joshua's Trust agreed to maintain the blazes on the trail but who is responsible to remove downed trees, the State, town, or Joshua's Trust? There is a large one across the trail now. J. Theroux stated that the State probably won't remove them due to being short staffed. D. Field said that the town has been good about taking care of them and sorting this out would be a good project for the conservation commission to work on.

Administrative Report: J. Theroux reported that they started the driveway crossing on Tower Hill Road. S. Matthies asked about behind the trailer on Palmer Road between Ridge Road and Chaplin Street, they are doing a foundation, was it signed off on? J. Theroux confirmed that it was signed off on. The commission discussed the intermittent water crossing in that area. D. Field stated it floods badly in the spring then goes under route 198 with no outflow.

Commission Discussion: None

Adjournment: Motion by D. Cates to adjourn, Second by D. Fields **Field. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Krodel
Recording Secretary*