

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Chaplin Town Hall, 7:00 P.M.
August 24, 2016

Members Present: Scott Matthies; Michael Jenkins; Sharyn Rusch; Peter Stick; Joe Theroux, Inland Wetlands Agent; Elizabeth Marsden, Recording Clerk

Members Absent: Peter Kegler; Paul Deveny

Alternates Seated: None

Also in attendance: Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products

Public Attendance: None

Regular Meeting

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

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes reviewed from July 27, 2016 regular meeting. *Motion* to accept minutes by S. Rusch, seconded by Peter Stick, *motion* carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: Hull Forest Products application IW-04-16. Chris Casadei, Forester with Hull Forest Products, provided site plans and a description of the work to be done at the site off Lynch Road, above the Airline Trail. J. Theroux has done a site visit, there is one existing stream crossing that needs to be improved to properly direct drainage water. This will be the only permanent crossing on the project. Intermittent drainage funnels under the woods road via a culvert currently. The stream crossing will need to be improved to prevent sediment from leaching into the wetlands below.

The watercourse is intermittent/seasonal. S. Matthies asked how deep the improvements will need to be and C. Casadei said it will be 4-6 inches of riprap and J. Theroux agreed. No Geotex fabric is needed. C. Casadei said it is the ideal time during the current drought to get started. A 30-foot wide area is affected by this project. C. Casadei said Hull did get state approval to cross the Airline Trail. It is an improvement tree thinning project. Many trees have been affected by gypsy moth infestation, etc. S. Matthies asked if this will be a permanent crossing for subsequent years and C. Casadei said yes for a woods road, not for development etc but for fire protection etc. C. Casadei said an excavator would be

used for this project. C. Casadei requested that the Commission vote immediately but S. Matthies said by statute they may not do that; the earliest vote possible would be at a Special Meeting in 15 days. C. Casadei requested that they do that.

The Commission agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. 9/8/16 to discuss and vote on this application. C. Casadei asked if he was required to attend and the Commission said no. C. Casadei said he is available for questions by cell phone and email.

S. Matthies requested that the Commission members do individual site visits of the area prior to the September 8 Special Meeting, and he will as well.

Correspondence: Current issue of *The Habitat*.

Administrative Report: 80 Marcy Road property, J. Theroux said he has looked in on the property several times and nothing has been moved off the property. He will continue to check on it. Planning and Zoning gave the owners until November to get rid of junked cars.

Commission Discussion: J. Theroux distributed copies of the Legal and Administrative Updates information discussed at the July meeting. J. Theroux suggested that the members read the information about expert testimony; he also suggested that they discuss the material at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment: *Motion* to adjourn by S. Rusch 7:25 p.m., M. Jenkins seconded, *motion* carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Marsden, Recording Clerk

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 21, 2016 and these minutes are subject to approval at that time.