

CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 7:00PM
REMOTE MEETING**

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, Staff J. Theroux

Absent: D. Cates, P. Deveny,

Teleconferenced In: D. Field, M. Jenkins, P. Kegler, V. Walton (joined at 7:08pm), Applicant Mike Guay

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Alternates Seated: D. Field for P. Deveny, V. Walton for D. Cates

Review and approval of minutes from Wednesday, November 18, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting: Motion by D. Field to approve the November 18, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting minutes. Second by P. Kegler. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to agenda: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Michael Guay: 741 Phoenixville Rd. Pond construction. M. Guay described the details of the application and that he wants to reestablish it as an agricultural pond. S. Matthies asked what the farming operation is. M. Guay stated growing vegetables, raising chickens and planting trees. S. Matthies stated the pond would need to be essential to the farming operation. M. Guay will research the agricultural aspect more. The water will be for the garden and animals because there is no well in the area. S. Matthies informed the applicant that it doesn't mean he won't get a pond but will have to go through the permit process. S. Matthies asked about the dewatering area north of the pond and is it within wetlands. M. Guay thinks outside, discussed pond history and how the land dips down. They discussed the area that a rainstorm may drain back into pond because area is higher. M. Guay walked area with J. Theroux and Donohue construction. S. Matthies asked how confident he was on property lines. M. Guay stated the neighbor had their property surveyed and he is confident where the property lines are. S. Matthies would like to see engineering with a description on how it would deal with potential overflow with a construction narrative. P. Kegler recommended if the dewatering area is in wetlands there may be a better area and put pond spoils somewhere else. Applicant may have to get it flagged to determine wetlands then come back to the commission. Agent J. Theroux explained that the wetland boundary is to be flagged by a soil scientist to determine if in wetlands or not. S. Matthies stated that the up-land area may be suitable for the dewatering. J. Theroux explained the application process and that there is now a three-month extension due to COVID-19. V. Walton suggested site visit and S. Matthies agreed after wetlands are delineated.

Motion by P. Kegler to accept the application. Second by D. Field. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

- b. Budget FY2021-2022: S. Matthies submitted the budget to the Board of Finance and it is the same as last year.

Motion by P. Kegler to accept the budget. Second by M. Jenkins. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries

- c. Election of Officers: P. Kegler nominated S. Matthies as Chairman. S. Matthies nominated P. Kegler as Vice Chairman.

Motion by P. Kegler to have the same officers as last year. Second by M. Jenkins. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: Agent J. Theroux reported that the town will be replacing a twin culvert pipe on Goodell Road this summer.

Commission Discussion: None

Adjournment: Motion by P. Kegler to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Second by M. Jenkins. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Krodel
Recording Secretary*