

# CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

### Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin CT

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

#### **S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Alternates seated: D. Field for M. Jenkins and V. Walton for D. Cates.

Review and approval of minutes from Wednesday, January 22, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by V. Walton to approve the minutes from January 22, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting.**

**Second by D. Field. No discussion.**

**All in favor. Motion passed.**

Audience of citizens: None.

Additions to the agenda: None.

Old Business: None

New Business: 80 Chappell Street, Mr. Kirk Stygar: excavation, grading, filling within intermittent watercourse and wetlands, construction of deck/gazebo in wetlands/watercourse.

The application was shared with the commission. S. Matthies questioned if the pond was no longer a part of the plan and Mr. Stygar confirmed. S. Matthies stated that the application is to deal with modifications to the stream to control a flooding issue and also placement of a gazebo. D. Field questioned the removal of the red oaks if they are along the stream or in the pond area. Mr. Stygar stated the tree removal is gypsy moth related and Agent J. Theroux confirmed the oaks are mostly in uplands. S. Matthies informed the commission that due to the timing of application they can't act on it until next month's meeting. According to the engineer's report, work that was done is achieving the desired purpose with a minimal impact to the watercourse. The stone lining the banks was discussed and if it was completed – Mr. Stygar stated he has approximately 50 more feet to do. Agent J. Theroux stated that the harvesting of trees is a permitted use as of right. S. Matthies referenced that in the engineer's report, seed mix should be put down and mulching to be done until seeding can happen to get banks stabilized. Agent J. Theroux said that everything he has done is looking good, no negative wetland impacts at this point. He recalculated the application fee after the pond project was removed and it is now \$410. S. Matthies stated that without the fee being paid, the application would be incomplete and could be denied.

New Business: 335 Tower Hill Road, Mr. David Trowbridge: Timber Harvest with stream crossings.

Agent J. Theroux shared 2 maps regarding a 200+ acre property for timber harvest. There are seven separate wetland crossings (portable bridges or log corduroy for stabilization). Previous logging had been done and some crossings already established, i.e. stone bridge over stream. Regarding the crossing site, Mr. Trowbridge stated it is man made with rocks 6-8' wide. He will make log bridge out of it. Water still flows unimpeded, bridge is 6' over stream. The commission discussed a bridge that is needed to get into the upland area. No logging will be done in the marshy area. Agent J. Theroux will inspect during the logging process. S. Matthies stated this activity falls under Section 4, because of agricultural use as permitted use of right and crossings are temporary structures, therefore he declared this non-jurisdictional based on permitted uses of right, Section 4.

**Motion by D. Field that the proposed activity falls under Section 4 as a permitted use as of right and no wetlands permit is necessary as it is a non-jurisdictional ruling.**

**Seconded by V. Walton. No discussion.**

**All in favor. Motion passed.**

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: Agent J. Theroux had a discussion with the Planning and Zoning Officer, Jay Gigliotti regarding the proposed gas station, some modifications to the site plans the IWWC approved. The new plans were reviewed by the commission. Detention basin #1 has been revised, the size isn't changing but they are adding an 8' wide stone access driveway in case it needs to be cleaned out. Modification will need to come before the commission again. Another change is where the emergency discharge will be discharging, but quite a distance from the wetland area. Also new plantings along the tree line to help with the light spillage from the cars to the neighbors. The existing row of pine trees is not enough, plantings of 4-10' evergreen trees will help stream it in the upland area. All storm water will go in detention basin #1 or #2, there should be no wetland impacts.

Commission Discussion: None

Adjournment:

**Motion by D. Field to adjourn at 7:37p.m.**

**Second by V. Walton. All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Suzanne Krodel  
Recording Secretary