

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin CT 06235
August 26, 2015 @ 7:00P.M.

Present: Chairman, Scott Matthies; Sharyn Rusch; Joe Theroux; Michael Jenkins; Peter Stick; Michael O'Neill; Suzanne Gluck, Recording Secretary.

Members Absent: Harry Naumec; Paul Deveny; Peter Kegler

Others: Chris Komuves, Resident. Mr. Cates, Resident

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mr. Matthies called the regular meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Seating of Alternates

Peter Stick for Peter Kegler and Michael O'Neill for Regular Member (Vacancy)

3. Additions to Agenda:

None at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes – 1/28/15

Michael Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes for January 28, 2015. Sharyn Rusch seconded the motion. All in favor. Amendment recommended to remove from Commission Discussion – “Joe Theroux reported that a property on South Bedlam Road was recently approved for the 490 Act” as this was transcribed incorrectly.

5. Audience of Citizens

None at this time.

6. Old Business:

None at this time.

7. New Business:

A. Application IW-02-15: 656 Phoenixville Rd. Mr. Daniel Cates Construction of a single family residence within the upland review area.

Joe Theroux presented the application to the commission. Mr. Cates stated the address should be 638 and currently there is a mobile home and a pond on site. He is planning on building a house which at that time the mobile home will be removed. Mr. Theroux reported that the south side of the house is wetland where depression is. It is a low lying area where water tends to collect and filter down. Mr. Matthies asked how they plan on protecting the wetlands during construction. Mr. Cates stated they will use silt fence and top soil grading will be pushed up. The map of the land and where the house will be built was reviewed by the commission. Joe Theroux said he received a full application and recommends the commission accept it and schedule a site visit.

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A site visit is scheduled for September 1, 2015 at 6:30pm. *Michael Jenkins made a motion* to accept application IW-02-15. Peter Stick seconded. All in favor.

8. Correspondence

Scott Matthies shared that the Annual Report for 2014-2015 has been completed. The commission reviewed the report. Mr. Matthies also handed out the new addition of the Habitat newsletter.

Joe Theroux mentioned that he has a training voucher for DEP seminars if anyone would like to use it. If more than one member wants to attend the Town will pay for it.

9. Administrative Report

Joe Theroux reported that it has been quiet; basically signing off on items that do not need an application (sheds, additions, etc).

Mr. Theroux introduced Chris Komuves, resident of 122 Bedlam Road, who is present to discuss with the commission his NRCS grant regarding a road for forestry access. Halfway through the project Mr. Komuves started cleaning out a small ponded area that was filled with metal debris, wood and other objects. NRCS was not pleased about these changes as it was not part of the plan and they told Mr. Komuves to talk to IWWC and get a permit. Also Japanese barberry was removed which was not a part of the original plan. Mr. Matthies stated that this removal requires a permit and because he did not have one, the application fee doubles and the Schedule A fee structure also kicks in. Mr. Theroux stated that an application has not been submitted yet, he recommended Mr. Komuves talk to the commission first. Joe Theroux spoke with NRCS and they asked for 3 things if an application will be approved: (1.) Because of drainage area that flows into water cross and crosses road into pond they want to see 5' wide armored spill way in back of the pond. Now it is only 1-2 feet wide and significant storm events may increase channel flow velocity and cause more erosion. Widen and armor with rip rap to block up; now it is a rock armored swale. (2.) Area of stream below outlet reseeded and mulched with something like landscape mix to reestablish vegetation on ground (3.) The road was designed for heavy truck traffic and they want a 4-1 slope to support weight. Chris showed the current slope and Joe will talk to NRCS to get clarification of what is necessary. The commission agreed to a site visit on Tuesday, 9/1/15 at 7pm.

10. Commission Discussion

Scott Matthies talked to the commission regarding their membership. Currently it is a 7 member board with 3 alternates and due to quorum issues he recommends reducing the commission from 7 regular members to 5 regular members which gives a quorum of 3 instead of the current 4 required. The commission agreed. Mr. Matthies will talk to the Bill Rose regarding the change in ordinance for the

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next Town meeting and also with Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien as needed.
Peter Stick stated he will continue as an alternate member.

11. Adjournment

Michael O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05pm, Peter Stick seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.