

**CHAPLIN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin CT

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

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

Alternates seated: D. Field for D. Cates and V. Walton for P. Deveny

Review and approval of minutes from Wednesday, February 26, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by V. Walton to approve the minutes from February 26, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting.**

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

**All in favor. Motion passed.**

Audience of citizens: None.

Additions to the agenda: J. Theroux asked the commission to add to the agenda the application from Quiet Corner Hop Farm on 5 North Bedlam Road. They are proposing a culvert crossing where they remediated a wetland violation from a stone removal company. The applicant is proposing it as a permitted use of right because he is looking at accessing the remainder of property to do hop farming in the fields.

**Motion by D. Field to add to the new application from Quiet Corner Hop Farm on 5 North Bedlam Road to the agenda.**

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

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

S. Matthies stated that this was discussed last month, and we received no new information from the applicant. We were unable to act on it at the least meeting due to the timeframe, but the commission can act on it tonight.

**Motion by V. Walton to approve the application for 80 Chappell Street, Mr. Kirk Stygar: excavation, grading, filling within intermittent watercourse and wetlands, construction of deck/gazebo in wetlands/watercourse.**

**Second by D. Field. All in favor. Motion passed.**

New Business: Quiet Corner Hop Farm on 5 North Bedlam Road to add a culvert crossing where there was a remediated wetland violation

S. Matthies informed the commission that the culvert crossing, as stated by the applicant, is for farming under Section 4 and is directly related to a farm operation and it is permitted use as of right. Mr. Ireland (conferenced in) agreed with this assessment.

**Motion by D. Field to approve application and that the proposed activity falls under Section 4 as a permitted use as of right.**

**Seconded by V. Walton. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Correspondence: Agent J. Theroux presented a letter from Eversource regarding clearing of trees and removing vegetation near the powerline through Chaplin south of Route 6 and West of Route 6.

Administrative Report: Agent J. Theroux received an email from D. Field regarding property owned by Bill Jordan on Tower Hill Road and that he was removing vegetation around a pond. She noted after a hard rain, a small sediment pool was running into the pond. Agent J. Theroux looked at it and noted tire tracks causing surface water to drag sediment in, he will call owner and have him put E&S measures in.

Agent J. Theroux also reported that he conducted an inspection of Ross timber harvest and he was not impressed with the quality of work. Agent J. Theroux will talk to them before the big wetland crossing is put in.

Commission Discussion: Agent J. Theroux spoke with the landowner at the corner of Chaplin Street and Tower Hill Road regarding the chips being dumped at the edge of the wetlands. He is not filling in any wetlands but let him know what he needs to do and will continue to monitor the work.

The commission may get an application next month for the gas station which was already approved. It will be a revised plan showing access road to maintain drainage basin against wetlands and planting trees as screen. This requires a modification of a permit.

We may receive an application on next month's agenda for a proposed garage on South Bear Hill Road.

Adjournment:

**Motion by D. Field to adjourn at 7:14p.m.**

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

**Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Suzanne Krodel  
Recording Secretary