

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Regularly scheduled monthly meeting**

Wednesday, November 29th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Chaplin Town Hall, 495 Phoenixville Rd. Chaplin, CT.

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, P. Deveny, V. Walton, S. Rusch, M. Jenkins  
Staff: J. Theroux;

**S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.**

**Alternates seated: V. Walton for M. Jenkins**

**Review and acceptance of the minutes from Wednesday August 23, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting.**

**Motion to accept minutes as presented by S. Rusch, second by P. Deveny**  
**Motion passed.**

**Audience of Citizens: None**

**Additions to agenda:**

**Motion to add W-02-17, Mr. Nolett, Palmer Rd. Driveway construction and W-03-17 Mr. Jordan, 96 Tower Hill Rd. Pond dredging applications to the agenda by P. Deveny, second by V. Walton**  
**Motion passed**

**W-02-17, Mr. Nollett, Palmer Rd. Driveway construction:**

Agent Theroux explained the basics of the application for the construction of a driveway, a portion of which will be located within the 100 foot upland review area. The wetlands adjacent to the Brook were not delineated so Agent Theroux marked the area 100 feet from the proposed clearing limits on the plan with blue highlighter. Steep slopes are present where the driveway will be located. Mr. Garrison answered questions from the Commission about the grade and location of the proposed driveway. No feasible alternatives exist for the location of the driveway due to steep slopes and sightlines. Permission was obtained for the Commission to do individual site walks.

**W-03-17, Mr. Jordan, 96 Tower hill Rd. Pond dredging:**

Agent Theroux explained the basics of the proposed pond dredging operation. It will be dredged during the dry season and will be de-watered utilizing a pump and de-watering basin. A row of silt fencing and staked hay bales will prevent sediments from migrating into the remaining wetlands. The materials removed will be deposited in upland areas

adjacent to the property driveway entrance. Chairman Matthies asked about truck access and Mr. Jordan indicated the access route. He also indicated that a sloped area would be created to provide a gentle grade to access the pond and it would eventually become a beach area. Chairman Matthies explained that this would have to be shown on the plan. V. Walton asked if this was a natural pond, Mr. Jordan explained that the pond was man made for a water hole for horses. It has filled in over the years and he is concerned that it has become a safety issue for his young children playing in the area. Chairman Matthies asked about the location of the fill areas being adjacent to the other pond on the property, the potential erosion of the placed fill and possible E&S measures that could be utilized. Agent Theroux will inspect the site, work with Mr. Jordan to amend the site plan and report at the next meeting.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**2018 Meeting schedule:**

The 2018 meeting schedule was discussed, the meeting dates in November and December were moved to accommodate the holidays

**Motion to accept the 2018 meeting schedule by V. Walton, second by P. Deveny  
Motion passed.**

**Election of officers:**

The election of officers was discussed and the following were decided on:

Chairman: S. Matthies because of his 31 years of dedication to the position;

Vice Chairman: P. Kegler because he was not present;

Secretary: M. Jenkins because nobody else wanted the position;

**Motion to approve the election of officers by P. Deveny, second by S. Rusch  
Motion passed.**

**Correspondence: The Habitat was handed out**

**Administrative Report:**

**100 Bedlam Rd. Timber harvest:**

Agent Theroux informed the Commission that although the timber harvest was a heavy cut, he inspected the site on several occasions after storm events and found no issues or direct impacts to the wetlands. He will continue to monitor the site.

**Cates construction site:**

Agent Theroux inspected the site, no current issues or impacts to the wetlands. Inspections to the E&S measures will continue.

**North Bear Hill Bridge:**

Both Agent Theroux and Chairman Matthies have been inspecting the site, construction continues. The dewatering operation affected the well on the adjacent residence.

**146 South Bear Hill Rd. St. Dennis property:**

Agent Theroux inspected the site, no remediation activities have been done, the owner has built a short stone wall at the end of the driveway and erected fencing along the driveway. The next opportunity to remediate the wetlands will be during the summer of 2018.

**80 Marcy Rd:**

Agent J. Theroux informed the Commission that only a few cars adjacent to the pond were removed, and there appears to be no other wetlands issues with the property. He will continue to monitor the site.

**Commission Discussion:**

V. Walton asked if she could be sent a link to access the Town website to access meeting minutes, Agent Theroux informed the Commission that he did not possess these skills.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by P. Deveny to adjourn,  
Second by S. Rusch  
Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Theroux  
Acting Recording Secretary

