

**CHAPLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regularly scheduled monthly meeting**  
5/26 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Chaplin Town Hall & REMOTE via Go To Meeting

Present: Chairman S. Matthies, P. Kegler, V. Walton, D. Cates  
Staff: J. Theroux;

Others: Mike Guay, Jamie Long, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Godfrey

**S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.**

Alternates seated: V. Walton for P. Deveny

Show Cause Hearing: 161 England Rd. Notice of violation, construction of garage in upland review area without permit.

Mr. Long explained to the Commission that the garage has been built for a year now and is seeking the necessary approvals from Eastern Highlands Health District, zoning and the building inspector. He submitted a site plan depicting the position of the garage approx. 60 feet from the brook.

The commission discussed the cease and desist order and it was decided that it should be left in place until a permit is issued.

**Motion by P. Kegler to leave cease and desist order in place,  
Second by D. Cates. All in favor  
Motion passed**

S. Matthies and Mr. Long discussed the construction sequence that was used and Mr. Long described that only minimal disturbance occurred in the upland areas.

S. Matthies asked for the permit application by the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting:

**Motion by V. Walton to approve minutes as presented,  
Second by P. Kegler. All in favor.  
Motion passed**

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to agenda: None

Old Business: 741 Phoenixville Rd. Mr. Mike Guay, pond construction.

A 6 page report from Engineer Wes Wentworth was received and discussed. It detailed the construction sequence, specifications of the berm, E&S measures, and drainage calculations.

V. Walton asked about the likelihood of invasives being brought into the site which is currently vegetated with a healthy colony of wetland plants and shrubs. Agent Theroux explained that this was possible and good contractors inspect their equipment so this does not happen.

S. Matthies inquired about a construction note stating that the existing berm was to be removed and re-constructed. How deep was the excavation of the berm and would the existing soils be appropriate for the re-construction of the berm?

Mr. Guay explained that the engineer thought that the original berm was built on the existing wetland soils and there might be the possibility of seepage underneath. If the berm was re-constructed, it could be compacted to specifications insuring it would not leak.

S. Matthies inquired about the overflow spillway only being grass lined. Should rip-rap be utilized to prevent erosion if significant flows overtop the culvert pipe?

M. Guay stated that he has never seen the pond overtop the existing berm.

S. Matthies noted that he was trying to get as much detail concerning the construction of the pond as the commission is used to more detailed site plans showing specifications, topography, proposed grades, E&S measures and details/cross sections of the spillways etc.

The commission requested a more detailed construction sequence, details on how the berm is going to be removed and how will the adjacent wetlands be protected, and input from the engineer regarding the suitability of the soils for the construction of the berm and construction of the overflow spillway.

New Business: Mr. Charles Godfrey, Tower Hill Rd. Driveway construction, wetlands crossing and single family residence.

The site plan depicting the driveway, culverted wetlands crossing, well, septic system and residence was discussed by the commission and Mr. Godfrey. S. Matthies explained that a site walk was customary and was for the purposes looking at the details of the site and not to discuss specifics about the application.

S. Matthies noted that there was no cross section of the culvert crossing on the plans.

A site walk was set for June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 PM. Members can also visit the site individually if they wish.

**Motion to accept the application by P. Kegler**

**Second by D. Cates. All in favor**

**Motion passes**

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report:

Agent Theroux stated that there were no issues or violations other than 161 England Rd.

Commission Discussion: S. Matthies noted that the ordinance concerning the combination of the Conservation Commission and the Wetlands Commission would be voted on sometime in June.

V. Walton asked about how this combination would work, and about the responsibilities of a Conservation Commission. This was discussed by the Commission.

Adjournment:

**Motion by P. Kegler to adjourn,  
Second by D. Cates  
Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

J. Theroux  
Acting Recording Secretary