

**TOWN OF CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**APRIL 26, 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CHAPLIN TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Chairman Scott Matthies, Peter Stick, Sharyn Rusch, Michael Jenkins, Doug Cates

Members Absent: Peter Kegler, Paul Deveny, Michael O'Neill

Alternates Seated: Virginia Walton for Peter. Kegler

Also present: Joe Theroux, Wetlands Agent; Elizabeth Marsden, Recording Clerk, Wendy St. Dennis and Richard St. Dennis.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Matthies invited a ***motion*** to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 regular meeting. V. Walton moved to approve, S. Rusch seconded the ***motion***, all in favor, ***motion*** carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Violation at 146 South Bear Hill Road and Show Cause Hearing. V. Walton asked what the violation says. J. Theroux said that when a notice of violation is given, a Show Cause Hearing is scheduled so that the person in violation and the wetlands agent may each present his/her case. The order is that a violation was allegedly made and any associated activity on the property is to cease and desist until applications for permits are made and approved. The Commission may decide that the order should stay in place, or may decide that the agent acted wrongly, in which case they may withdraw the order. V. Walton asked if there was a fine and Mrs. St. Dennis (in the background) said that the letter she received stated it was \$1,000 per day, while Chairman Matthies restated in the foreground that the hearing was to decide whether the order will stand or not.

Chairman Matthies stated that there has been filling and removal of materials in a watercourse/wetlands. He said that to his mind it requires a permit. V. Walton said it sounds like a miscommunication but the order and permit requirement seems fair. Chairman Matthies stated that the property owners would now retroactively apply for a permit for the work already done, and apply for a permit for any future work in the wetlands/watercourse. Any permit issued is good for 5 years.

Chairman Matthies invited a ***motion*** on this matter. D. Cates moved to keep the order in place and require permits, V. Walton seconded the ***motion***, all in favor, ***motion*** carried.

Chairman Matthies said Mr. and Mrs. St. Dennis will have to work with J. Theroux on permitting and he explained the process, hiring a soil scientist etc. The information about applications is online on the town's website. Chairman Matthies stated that there is to be no further activity in wetlands or watercourses until a permit is issued. J. Theroux said he would get an application for Mr. and Mrs. St. Dennis.

Correspondence: Solitude Lake Management applied to DEEP for an aquatic pesticide permit, Wetlands received a copy of the application and may comment if they so elect. Connecticut Wildlife magazine, Habitat magazine were both received. Chairman Matthies distributed Habitat to the members.

Administrative Report: 80 Marcy Road, 8 cars have now been removed. J. Theroux spoke to PZC Officer about the deadline. PZC has been very busy and will follow up as time allows. Cars that have been removed are the ones closest to wetlands.

S. Rusch remarked that the North Bear Hill Road bridge work will begin May 3.

Adjournment: S. Rusch moved to adjourn, D. Cates seconded the ***motion***, all in favor, ***motion*** carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Marsden
Recording Clerk

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