

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES and CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
June 26, 2024
Chaplin Town Hall

Present: S. Matthies, Chair; S. Rusch, P. Kegler, D. Field, Virginia Walton, D. Cates

Absent: M. Jenkins

Staff: J. Theroux, Wetlands Agent; S. Welshman Recording Secretary

Others: Keith Crocker

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

Alternates seated: None

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, May 22, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting: Upon review of the Minutes, D Field noted that, under Correspondence, “*Tower Hill property*” should read “*Hubbard Sanctuary*”. S Rusch noted that applicant Keith Crocker did not present the application at May’s Meeting. The name of the person presenting the application at the 5/22/24 meeting should read *Hendricks Kruszewski*.

Motion by S. Rusch to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for the 5/22/2024 meeting as amended, second by D. Field. Discussion: All in favor of approving the Minutes of the 5/22/2024 Regular Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- **152 England Road, Mr. Keith Crocker, Notice of Violation: filling adjacent to wetlands/application to perform drainage improvements; grading in upland review area.** Applicant Keith Crocker was present. The Commission briefly reviewed the application and materials. Agent J. Theroux noted no changes since last month’s meeting.

S Matthies and J Theroux discussed the appropriate sloping of installed riprap.

S Matthies reported observing wood chips placed on top of wetlands soil. K Crocker stated that he is fine with moving/removing the woodchip pile. D Cates stated that silt fencing should be installed and should be noted on the site plans.

S Matthies inquired about the application fee and Agent J Theroux responded that it has not been received as of yet. S Matthies noted that the receipt of the fee should be a condition of permit approval.

Motion by P. Kegler to approve the application with the conditions that the application fee be paid and the site plan be revised.

Seconded by D. Cates. All in favor.

Motion passed.

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report: J. Theroux reported that the work at the England Road Bridge reconstruction site is going well. S Matthies asked about details of the sediment boom and its placement. J Theroux reported that it seems to be working well. P Kegler inquired about the process at the fire pond. J Theroux stated that the contractor is currently waiting for the site to dry out before further digging occurs

Conservation Commission Business: S Matthies reported that there has been a modification to the Joshua's trust letter concerning Hubbard Sanctuary. In researching the matter, Joshua's Trust discovered communication between the donor and the then Trust president which expressed the donor's wishes that the property remain in agricultural use and that there is a commitment by the Trust to do that. Therefore, transitioning to grassland is not going to work. The Trust is working on a contract to have it mowed, but after August 1, 2024.

Commission Discussion: None

Adjournment: ***Motion by P. Kegler to adjourn, seconded by S. Rusch. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.***

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Welshman
Recording Clerk