

October 23, 2014

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roger Gibson, Chairman. Other member's present- Jen Mossner, Brad Herman, Kimberly Gunn, Alternate James Hawkins, Jr., and Alternate Dori Cote. Member's absent-Robert McLevy, Rich McGarry, and Maggie Camplin.

Alternate D. Cote was seated for M. Camplin and Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for R. McLevy. Staff present-Joe Theroux and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Josh Wilson and William McCoy.

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Additions to Agenda: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to add IW&WC application by Patricia Desmaris for property located at 0 Margaret Henry Road for a proposed single family residence under New Business, Item a. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve the 9/23/2014 public hearing and special meeting minutes as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: J. Theroux passed out the Fall 2014 Habitat newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

a. **Falls Creek Update:** The update for Falls Creek Farm is in response to the Restoration and Mitigation violations for property located at 368 Bailey Road, Oneco, CT. W. McCoy of Heller, Heller & McCoy representing the applicant, reported that the Town of Sterling accepted the Conservation Easement from Falls Creek Farm, LLC, as required under Consent Decree entered in 1/28/2013 in the matter of U.S. Snowden et al. C.A. 3:12 cv1407 (D.Conn), on 9/3/2014 and the document shall be recorded in a couple of weeks with the Town Clerk. He also stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (DEEP) has granted a slight extension on the project completion date in order for the plantings to grow.

J. Wilson of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. gave a Powerpoint presentation updating the conditions of the sixteen (16) existing areas. The goal is to have the project completed by Fall 2015, followed by a five (5) year monitoring period.

New Business:

a. **Application by Patricia Desmaris for 0 Margaret Henry Road:** J. Theroux submitted the application, site plans dated September 2014, and an approval letter from Northeast District Department of Health (NEDDH), dated 10/22/2014 for property located at 0 Margaret Henry Road (Assessor's Map 03276/011/0010). He explained the application is for the construction of a single family residence, septic system, well and driveway. The property is 83.49 acres and consists mostly of wetland. A fee, in the amount of \$210.00, was submitted on 10/22/2014 by the applicant. J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to accept this as application #IW14-03 for review and to schedule a site walk for Wednesday, 10/29/2014 at 4:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: None –

2. Other Issues: J. Theroux reported that he finished a logging job for Trowbridge for property owned by Timberwolf Enterprises, LLC, located at 352 Main Street. He removed dead or diseased Hemlocks.

Any Other Business: J. Gustavson passed out the 2015 Meeting Schedule. B. Herman made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Secretary

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Richard McGarry, Secretary