

March 24, 2016

Call to order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other member's present-Brad Herman, Jen Mossner, Richard McGarry, Alternate Dori Cote, and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr. Member's absent- Kimberly Gunn, Robert McLevy, and Maggie Camplin. Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for R. McLevy and D. Cote was seated for M. Camplin. Staff present-Joe Theroux and Patricia Ball.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to Agenda: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry, to add to the agenda the application by Rick Hermonot to clean erosion sediment from a retention basin for property located at 262 Ekonk Hill Road. All voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes: R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner, to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 08/27/2015 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: Copies of the winter 2016 Habitat newsletter were distributed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

a. Application by Rick Hermonot to Clean Erosion Sediment from a Retention Basin for Property Located at 262 Ekonk Hill Road. Rick Hermonot submitted the application and a letter dated, 3/24/2016 detailing his application to clean erosion sediment out of a pre-existing pond, 4,895 square foot footprint of a fire pond/farm pond/sediment retention basin located at 262 Ekonk Hill Road. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner to accept this as application #W16-02 for review and to schedule a site walk for Thursday, 4/14/2016 at 4:00 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on 2016 Schedule of Meetings. J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to approve the 2016 Meeting Schedule. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Election of Officers. Nominations were opened for Chairman. J. Mossner nominated Roger Gibson. This was seconded by R. McGarry. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of R. Gibson as Chairman. Nominations were opened for Vice Chairman. R. Gibson nominated Jen Mossner. This was seconded by R. McGarry. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of J. Mossner as Vice Chairman. Nominations were opened for Secretary. J. Mossner nominated Richard McGarry. This was seconded by J. Hawkins. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor of R. McGarry as Secretary.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: No new violations.

2. Other Issues: 1) J. Theroux issued an Agent approval to Shamona Kamm & Virginia Egan, for a proposed single family residence with associated driveway, well, septic and site grading for property located at 0 Valley View Road. Application #IW-16-01A. 2) Extended time was granted to R. Lafleche for property located at 0 Sterling Road (Route 14) to correct prior issues that are overdue. 3) Wiedeles purchased property located at 41 Main Street and is considering a deck addition on the rear of the property. If so they will submit the required wetlands permit application.

Any Other Business: J. Theroux asked the Commission members for input on whether or not to hold or cancel a meeting if there is no new business. Discussion was held regarding the time frame in canceling a meeting due to lack of agenda items. J. Mossner stated that a policy should be in place stating that if the Commission has no applications or violations, a notice shall be posted. There was much discussion from the members regarding how much notice should be provided before a cancellation is determined. J. Theroux informed the Commission that the last change to the regulations was in 2012. The Commission will review and discuss the current regulations at the next meeting.

Adjournment: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by D. Cote, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Patricia Ball, Recording Secretary

Attest: _____
Richard McGarry, Secretary