

April 28, 2016

Call to order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other member's present-Brad Herman, Jen Mossner, Richard McGarry, Robert McLevy, Maggie Camplin, Alternate Dori Cote, and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr.

Member's absent- Kimberly Gunn.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for K. Gunn.

Staff present-Joe Theroux, Russell Gray, and Joyce Gustavson.

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry, to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 03/24/2016 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: *Connecticut Wildlife Magazine.*

Unfinished Business:

a. Application by Rick Hermonot to Clean Erosion Sediment from a Retention Basin for Property

Located at 262 Ekonk Hill Road: J. Theroux reported that the applicant was supposed to drop off amended site plans and he has not received them to date. The site walk went well and the Commission made recommendations to the applicant to line the channel with rip-rap to slow down the flow and seed loam around the outside areas to stabilize things. The outflow was also discussed. J. Theroux stated that he looked at the fields immediately behind the pond and the way it slopes right now, a lot of the water that comes off of that field, at least the water behind the pond, looks like it will flow down slope during the wet season and catch that trench that R. Hermonot made and intercept some of that water. The backfield has been reseeded, making it stable. Discussion was held on tabling this application until the Commission sees a plan and if the applicant is not ready, he can ask for an extension. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner to table application #IW16-02 to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Discussion of Sterling Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations: R. Gibson stated that at the last meeting Commission members expressed concern about when to have a meeting if there is no new business on the agenda and the time frame for cancellation. It is the recommendation of J. Theroux to cancel one (1) week before the meeting if no new applications have been received. Most applications are here two (2) weeks prior to a meeting. If there is no new business, J. Theroux stated he can conduct a training/workshop and minutes from the previous meeting can be approved. Discussion was held to not cancel more than two (2) consecutive months; allowing a minimum of four (4) meetings a year. R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by B. Herman that in the future, no more than two (2) meetings in a row be canceled; thereby, the Commission would meet at least once every three (3) months. All voted in favor of the motion. J. Theroux asked the members if they saw any changes or additions they would like to see implemented in the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. There were none.

New Business: None.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: No new violations.

2. Other Issues: 1) J. Theroux reported that there has been no activity on the R. LaFleche property located at 0 Sterling Road (Route 14) and along with that issue he reported that he is unclear if technically this is a conflict of interest or not, but as a forester he is meeting with a landowner from Woodstock who had fifty (50) acres of timber stolen by R. LaFleche. J. Theroux stated that the landowner from Woodstock is most likely going to hire him to appraise the timber theft. It was the consensus of the Commission that when J. Theroux visits the LaFleche site in Sterling he will take R. Gibson or another Commission member with him. R. Gibson stated that there is no relation and he does not see this as a conflict of interest.

Any Other Business: R. McLevy stated that at the corner of Snake Meadow Hill Road and Main Street he observed a front end loader in the wetlands. J. Theroux will check it out.

Adjournment: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by M. Camplin, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary

Attest: _____
Richard McGarry, Secretary