

August 6, 2015

(Due to a malfunction, this meeting did not record)

**I. Call to Order:** The special meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other member's present-Richard McGarry, Brad Herman, Robert McLevy, Alternate Dori Cote and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr. Member's absent-Maggie Camplin, Jennifer Mossner, and Kimberly Gunn. Alternate D. Cote was seated for K. Gunn and Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for J. Mossner. Staff present –Russell Gray and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present – Richard LaFleche.

**II. Application #IW-15-06 by Richard LaFleche for Continuation of Logging Operation for Property Located at 0 Sterling Road (Route 14):** Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agent Joe Theroux could not be present for tonight's meeting and submitted into record meeting notes outlining his thoughts and recommendations on application #15-06 by Richard LaFleche which R. Gibson read into the minutes (copy on file).

R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve application #IW-15-06 by Richard LaFleche for 0 Sterling Road (Route 14) - (Map 03828/024/0013) for the continuation of the logging operation on the property and remediation of the disturbed wetlands with the following eleven (11) modifications:

- 1) The applicant shall submit the application fee in the amount of \$210.00 (\$150.00 for regulated activity and \$60.00 for State fee).
- 2) The applicant shall submit a cash bond to cover erosion and sedimentation/wetlands remediation in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- 3) The applicant shall submit a separate check in the amount of \$700.00 to cover the costs incurred by the Town of Sterling for the Wetlands Agent's site inspections (approximately 20 inspections at \$35.00 per hour).
- 4) In the northwest wetlands crossing labeled "WC-1" on the forest cutting plan drawn by Michael Bartlett, the applicant shall re-install/maintain the existing silt fencing, grade the existing ruts level and install log corduroy through the entire length of the wetland to the satisfaction of the Wetlands Agent.
- 5) No logging or cutting of trees is to occur in any of the wetlands on the property.
- 6) In the event that significant rainfall causes wet ground conditions, or rutting, erosion or sedimentation occurs, the logging operation shall be postponed until favorable ground conditions prevail.
- 7) At the completion of the logging operation, the log corduroy shall be removed from wetland crossing "WC-1", any remaining ruts are to be graded level, all disturbed wetland soils are to be adequately seeded with "New England Wetmix" and over seeded with annual rye for stabilization. No mulching in wetland. When the grass height is approximately eighteen inches (18"), cut down to a maximum of eight inches (8") with weed whacker or similar (no mowing) to the satisfaction of the Wetlands Agent.
- 8) The disturbed wetlands in the southeast portion of the property shown on the cutting plan are to be adequately seeded with "New England Wetmix" and over seeded with annual rye for stabilization. No mulching in wetland. When the grass height is approximately eighteen inches (18"), cut down to a maximum of eight inches (8") with weed whacker or similar (no mowing) to the satisfaction of the Wetlands Agent.
- 9) Any portions of the main skid trails adjacent to the wetlands and portions of trails with significant slopes are to have water bars installed, and be seeded and mulched if necessary as directed by the Wetlands Agent.
- 10) The log corduroy and culvert pipes in the two stream crossings labeled "SC-1 and SC-2" shall be removed, any remaining ruts are to be graded level, all disturbed wetland

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11) Upon the completion of the logging operation and remediation of the wetlands, the Town of Sterling Inland Wetlands Commission or its Agent shall inspect the property for the purpose of releasing the E&S/remediation bond. If the remediation is deemed adequate, the Town of Sterling shall release the full amount of the bond and return any remaining monies not used for the inspection fees.

All voted in favor of the motion.

R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to lift the existing cease and Desist Order on the property located at 0 Sterling Road (Route 14) to allow for the continuation of the logging operation and remediation of the wetlands upon receipt of the cash bond and inspection fees. All voted in favor of the motion.

**III. Adjournment:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce A. Gustavson, Recording Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard McGarry, Secretary