

November 17, 2016

**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members present-Robert McLevy, Brad Herman, Alternate Dori Cote, and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr.

Members absent-Maggie Camplin, Jen Mossner, Richard McGarry and Kimberly Gunn. Alternate D. Cote was seated for K. Gunn and Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for J. Mossner.

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

Also present-Louis Magiera.

**Audience of Citizens:** No comment.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** B. Herman made a motion, seconded by R. McLevy to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 9/22/2016 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:** The Habitat fall 2016 issue was distributed. J. Theroux reported that he has the 2016 Directory of Licensed Soil Scientists.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**a. Application by Louis Magiera to Demolish Building for Property Located at 1148 Plainfield Pike:** Louis Magiera submitted the application on behalf of Shane Magiera, LLC, to demolish a portion of the building adjacent/over tail race for property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike. J. Theroux reported that property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike was discussed at the last meeting and with the Commission's approval mailed a letter to L. Magiera stating that any further demolition activity in close proximity to the river is going to require a wetlands permit (copy on file). A copy of Assessor's Map 00IOV/022/0070 was submitted showing the portion of the building to be demolished (copy on file). The applicant is applying to the State of Connecticut for a demolition permit, as it is above the scope of the local building inspector and asbestos is in the caulking of the windows. J. Theroux stated that the outflow (a stream) flows out of two pipes that flow underground where the dam is and the gate does not fully close allowing water to leak by and go underground into the mill building where it use to run turbines. There are two pipes about two and a half (2½) to three (3) feet in diameter where flow comes out; the water runs from the pond across the street and the section of the building that needs to be demolished is above the pipes. The applicant has put up a silk fence. J. Theroux will continue to monitor the site and L. Magiera will notify him when the work begins. A fee in the amount of \$210 is due. J. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by D. Cote to accept this as application #16-03 for review. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Consider and Act on 2017 Schedule of Meetings:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by B. Herman to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule. All voted in favor of the motion.

**c. Election of Officers:** J. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by R. McLevy to retain the present slate of officers. There were no objections and no other nominations. The following is the slate of officers for 2017: R. Gibson, Chairman, J. Mossner, Vice Chair, and R. McGarry, Secretary. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Agents Reports:**

1. Violations: No current violations.
2. Other Issues:

A) J. Theroux reported that he spoke with the owner of 93 Hell Hollow Road and she has submitted an application to construct a dry well behind one of the houses. The dry well will receive the discharges from the water treatment system. Steve Denton is working on a site

plan, but to date, no plan has been received. R. Gibson asked J. Theroux if he contacted the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) because there are three (3) duplexes and see if they need a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. J. Theroux stated he will contact DEEP before the next meeting.

3) Richard LaFleche, 0 Sterling Road (Route 14): J. Theroux reported that R. LaFleche is currently working on the property located at 0 Sterling Road (Route 14), pulling tops to the trees that he logged and is processing the firewood. He will probably not be finished before the mud sets in this season. The corduroy will stay in over the winter and he will need to reinstall the water bars to stabilize, as well as, seed and mulch. R. LaFleche wants to draw a site plan to submit to the Commission. J. Theroux told him it needs to be an engineered site plan showing the driveway with culverts. If R. LaFleche decides to sell the property before the remediation is completed, the bond is in place for the Town to use and approximately half of the inspection money put up by R. LaFleche remains.

**Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:** 1) J. Theroux reported that in regards to the subdivision on Valley View Road, David Held of Provost and Rovero, Inc. contacted him stating that he is looking to reposition lot lines to construct access. One of the houses being proposed to be built has the main quarry truck access directly in front of the proposed house. 2) R. Gibson asked for an update regarding the watercourse that was built on Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm. J. Theroux stated that the watercourse is all seeded in, stable, vegetative, no rock on the slopes were done.

**Adjournment:** D. Cote made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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