January 26, 2017

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice Chairman Jen Mossner. Other members present-Robert McLevy, Richard McGarry, Kimberly Gunn, and Alternate Dori Cote.

Members absent-Roger Gibson, Brad Herman, Maggie Camplin, and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr.

Alternate D. Cote was seated for R. Gibson.

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: R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by D. Cote to approve the 11/17/2016 meeting minutes with the correction to New Business, Item a. …"put up a silt fence"., instead of "put up a silk fence". All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: The Connecticut Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions pamphlet was distributed. The training will be held at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

a. Application IW#16-03 by Louis Magiera to Demolish Building for Property Located at 1148 Plainfield Pike: J. Theroux stated that Louis Magiera, representing the applicant, Shane Magiera, LLC, is demoing a portion of the building adjacent/over tail race for property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike. To date there are no problems and the applicant has installed a silt fence at the base of the slope adjacent to the water, and with the water level rising a little, the silt fence needs to be adjusted. L. Magiera stated that his intent is to fix up the building and put in a couple of turbines. The applicant is leaving the stone - foundation, staircase, and gates in place, and is only removing the wood structure. The water actual goes through the building and he is working over the top of the water to take the wood structure down. The activity is approximately seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) feet away from the river. Discussion was held on whether the applicant should add an additional silt fence as the water is rising, or to move the silt fence that is currently in place. J. Theroux stated that he didn't think it mattered and he has no concerns except for the possibility of a little debris falling in the water near the edge where the building is next to the water. They have been doing a good job at cleaning the debris as it happens. L. Magiera stated that the State Demo Permit is good until 2/9/2017 and at that time all the work needs to be completed. J. Theroux stated that he will continue to oversee the project and inspect the site on a weekly basis.

R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn to approve Application #IW16-03 by Louis Magiera on behalf of Shane Magiera, LLC for property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT (Map 00IOV, Block 022, Lot 0070) for the demolition of a portion of the building adjacent/over tail race. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business: None.

Agents Reports:

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

   A) J. Theroux reported that he is waiting for an application/site plan for 93 Hell Hollow Road for the construction of a dry well behind one of the houses for a water treatment system.

3) Richard LaFleche, 0 Sterling Road (Route 14): J. Theroux reported that R. LaFleche has sewn up property, the water bars have been installed in the trails and the site is stable. R. LaFleche stated that he will not begin work until May or June and his intent is to finish the forestry and eventually submit an application for a driveway.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: 1) J. Theroux reported that he has no new information regarding the subdivision on Valley View Road. R. McLevy stated the original subdivision plan included the relocation of the quarry road.

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

Attest: _____

Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary

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Richard McGarry, Secretary