

April 26, 2017

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members present-Richard McGarry, Robert McLevy, Maggie Camplin, Brad Herman, Kimberly Gunn, Alternate James Hawkins, Jr., and Alternate Dori Cote. Members absent-Jen Mossner.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for J. Mossner and Alternate D. Cote was not seated.

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

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by M. Camplin to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 3/23/2017 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Consider & Act on Changing Meeting Time Schedule for 2017: As discussed at last month's meeting, R. McGarry proposed changing the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn to change the meeting time schedule for 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Discussion followed. J. Hawkins, R. McGarry, R. McLevy, K. Gunn, and R. Gibson voted in favor of the motion. B. Herman voted against the motion, and M. Camplin abstained. Motion passed in favor of changing the meeting scheduled time for 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning with the May 25, 2017 meeting.

New Business:

b. Timber Harvest Notification by Hull Forest Products, Inc. for Richard & Barbara Young and Joyce Zavistoski – 796 Plainfield Pike, Moosup, CT: J. Theroux presented the Timber Harvest Notification by Hull Forest Products, Inc. and the aerial timber harvest map (copy on file) for property owned by Richard & Barbara Young and Joyce Zavistoski, 796 Plainfield Pike, Moosup, CT which borders the Bellavance property, stating that ninety (90) of the two hundred and twelve (212) acres of this parcel with the landing area off of Church Street are to be harvested. There are six (6) stream crossings to access different portions of the property. Hull Forest Products, Inc. is proposing to harvest 254,000 board feet, 185 cords of fire wood. Discussion followed regarding the grade, inspection of the crossing sites by J. Theroux, as well as weekly inspections, the lack of Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) Control Measures indicated on the notification form, remediation, and placement of water bars. Anticipated start date is 5/1/2017. The Commission is making a jurisdictional ruling on the Timber Harvest Notification. J. Theroux stated that he will walk the site with the applicant prior to harvesting and look at the crossing sites and E&S measures. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins that this Timber Harvest Notification, by Hull Forest Products, Inc., for Richard & Barbara Young and Joyce Zavistoski for property located at 796 Plainfield Pike, Moosup, CT pertaining to Section 4 of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations, conforms to Permitted Uses as of Right based on the following modifications: 1) No clearcutting of wetlands or watercourses, and 2) Upon completion of the logging operation, any disturbed soils in and adjacent to wetlands or watercourses are to be bladed, seeded and mulched to stabilize exposed soils. J. Hawkins, R. McGarry, K. Gunn, M. Camplin, B. Herman, and R. Gibson voted in favor of the motion and R. McLevy voted against the motion. Motion passes.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: No current violations.

2. Other Issues: 1) J. Theroux reported that Louis Magiera's demolition project for property located at 1148 Plainfield Pike is going according to plan. A portion of the smoke stack fell over and he is in the process of cleaning up the debris. An excavation permit to remove gravel will be forthcoming to the Board of Selectmen. 2) J. Theroux reported that there is no activity on the property owned by Earl and Grace Roberts, 609 Sterling Road. Three (3) weeks ago he called Cori Rose of Army Corps of Engineers and has not heard back. J. Theroux will follow up before the next meeting.

3) Richard LaFleche, 0 Sterling Road (Route 14): No new information, the site is currently shut down.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: None.

Adjournment: M. Camplin made a motion, seconded by B. Herman to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary

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Richard McGarry, Secretary