

September 28, 2017

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members' present-Brad Herman, Alternate Jim Hawkins, Alternate Dori Cote, and Richard McGarry (6:12 p.m.).

Members' absent- Robert McLevy, Jen Mossner, Maggie Camplin, and Kim Gunn. Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for K. Gunn and Alternate D. Cote was seated for J. Mossner. Staff present-Joseph Theroux, Russell Gray, and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-David Held and Douglas & Patricia Meek.

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: D. Cote made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 8/24/2017 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: J. Gustavson received an email dated 9/11/2017 from James Rabbitt, Town Planner, addressing sightline for revised driveway for property located at 201 and 211 Valley View Road (copy on file). *Connecticut Wildlife Magazine* and summer 2017 Habitatant.

Unfinished Business:

a. Application #IW-17-06 by Contract Loan Company for Reapproval of Regulated Activities for Development of Subdivision Lots with Minor Modifications for Property Located at 201 and 211 Valley View Road: David Held of Provost & Rovero, Inc. presented revised site plans showing the removal of the original proposal for Lot 9; the wetland crossing and the house in the rear of the lot. An alternate location is shown for the front of the lot for development (copy on file). J. Theroux stated that regarding the proposed house location, the revised plans have less wetland disturbance. For reference purposes the wetlands should be reflagged on the house side so that they are showing in the field and have the clearing limits and the upland review areas permanently marked so that there is less of a chance for encroachment. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve Application #IW-17-06 by Contract Loan Company (Assessor's Map #04415, Block #008, Lot #0009/ Map #04415, Block #008, Lot #009H) for reapproval of regulated activities for development of subdivision lots with minor modifications for property located at 201 and 211 Valley View Road referenced by plans entitled "Proposed Site Plan" prepared for Contract Loan Company, Valley View Road, dated 7/19/2017 with revision dates of 8/24/2017 and 9/14/2017 consisting of two (2) sheets with two (2) modifications: 1) Permanently post wetlands buffer signs every 50 feet along the clearing limits shown on the approved plan to prevent further encroachment; and 2) Reflag the wetland boundaries on wetlands adjacent to the developed areas. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Application #IW-17-07 by Patricia Meek for Pond Dredging for Property Located at 63 Spring Lake Road: J. Theroux stated per the request of the Commission he is submitting for the record a detailed aerial map/site plan showing the locations around the pond where the dredging materials will be dewatered, where the materials will end up and be spread out to be seeded and stabilized, a little more of a specific position of where the rip rap sediment basin is proposed, and the placement of the staked hay bales on the outflow of the pond. Also submitted into record is a seed specification sheet showing New England Erosion Control/Restoration Mix for Detention Basins and Moist Sites (copies on file). Agent Theroux recommends as a condition of approval the dredging of the pond to be done during a time when the water table is at its lowest; July/August. D. Cote made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to approve Application #IW-17-07 by Patricia Meek (Assessor's Map #03832, Block #021, Lot #0024) for pond dredging for property located at 63 Spring Lake Road referenced by the detailed aerial map/site plan with two (2) modifications: 1) The Wetlands Agent shall be notified at the start of the project; and 2) the work shall be done when the water table is at its lowest level. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business: None.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: No new violations.
2. Other Issues: 2) J. Theroux reported that he has been monitoring the Young timber harvest on Church Street and sees no issues.

3) Richard LaFleche, 0 Sterling Road, has not been active.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: None.

Adjournment: R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by D. Cote to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce Gustavson, Recording Secretary

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Richard McGarry, Secretary