

March 22, 2018

**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members' present- Maggie Camplin, Richard McGarry, and Alternate Jim Hawkins. Members' absent- Robert McLevy, Jen Mossner, Brad Herman, Kim Gunn, and Alternate Dori Cote.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for J. Mossner.

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

Also present-David Held and Donald Dubois.

**Audience of Citizens:** David Held of Provost & Rovero, Inc. submitted a letter dated 3/21/2018 addressing the potential submittal of an application for Wayne Jolley for property located at 374 Snake Meadow Hill Road. D. Held stated that this property is a portion of a parcel proposed for a four (4) lot subdivision in 2006 which was denied by the Sterling Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission. The 2006 application included numerous wetland crossings and the current proposal calls for the development of a single family dwelling on the 10+/- acre parcel with one (1) wetland crossing. Permanent disturbance would be approximately 1,200 square feet of wetlands for the installation of a driveway. Additional disturbance will be required within the upland review area. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Commission that an Inland Wetland & Watercourses application should be submitted with the current proposal consisting of one (1) wetland crossing with minimum impact to the upland area within the buffer zone.

**Additions to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 11/16/2017 and the special meeting minutes of 12/11/2017 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:** *Connecticut Wildlife Magazine.*

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Consider & Act on 2018 Schedule of Meetings:** R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by M. Camplin to approve the 2018 meeting schedule noting the time of monthly meetings have been changed back from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**b. Election of Officers:** Nominations were open for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to retain the current slate of officers. There were no objections and no nominations. All voted in favor of the motion. The following is the slate of officers for 2018: Roger Gibson, Chairman; Jen Mossner, Vice Chairman; and Richard McGarry, Secretary.

**New Business:**

**a. Application #IW-18-01 by Tilcon Connecticut, Inc. for Renewal of Previous Issued Inland Wetland Permit for the Excavation of Sand and Gravel for Property Located at 0 Sterling Road (Route 14):** David Held of Provost & Rovero, Inc. submitted a letter dated 2/20/2018 requesting a five (5) year renewal on an existing Inland Wetland permit. The original approval was 3/26/2009 and in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-42a the applicant may renew the permit for an additional five (5) year period for total permit duration of fourteen (14) years. D. Held stated that he is in the process of submitting a new Excavation Permit to the Board of Selectmen. J. Theroux, Inland Wetland agent, stated there are no changes to the existing wetland permit and this is not a new proposal. R. McGarry made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to renew Tilcon Connecticut, Inc., Inland Wetland Permit for excavation of sand and gravel for property located at 0 Sterling Road, (Route 14) for five (5) years, expiring 3/26/2023. All voted in favor of the motion.

**b. Timber Harvest Notification by David Bishop – 131 Calvin French Road:** Donald Dubois of Dubois Forestry, presented the Notification of Timber Harvest on behalf of David

Bishop for property located at 131 Calvin French Road, formerly Sun Ridge Campground. This operation has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS) for cost share assistance, under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to conduct a timber stand improvement. There are no wetlands or watercourses on the property and he is asking the Commission for a jurisdictional ruling on the Timber Harvest Notification. J. Theroux stated that the Notification meets the Permitted Uses as of Right, Section 4, according to the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations. M. Camplin made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry that this Timber Harvest Notification by Donald Dubois of Dubois Forestry for David Bishop for property located at 131 Calvin French Road, pertaining to Section 4 of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations, conforms to Permitted Uses as of Right. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Agents Reports:**

1. Violations: No new violations.
2. Other Issues: There are none.
- 3) Richard LaFleche, 0 Sterling Road, is non operational.

**Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission:** None.

**Adjournment:** J. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by M. Camplin to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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