

April 25, 2019

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members' present-Brad Herman, Jen Mossner, Robert McLevy, and Alternate James Hawkins Jr.

Members' absent-Maggie Camplin, Richard McGarry, and Kimberly Gunn.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for M. Camplin.

Staff present-Joseph Theroux and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Michael Driscoll, John Brisson, III, and John Brisson, IV.

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by B. Herman to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 3/28/2019 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

a. Application #IW-19-03 by Michael Driscoll for Property Located at 480 Gibson Hill Road for Excavation Activities in Response to a Notice of Violation: J. Theroux, Inland Wetland Agent, distributed an aerial view of the Assessor's site map from the Town of Sterling Geographic Information System (GIS) website and photos of the existing property conditions (copies on file). J. Theroux stated that M. Driscoll has changed his plans and instead of proposing to put a French drain in going towards the pond to drain the water that way, he will try to go the opposite way, under the driveway, because he found out that there is an existing culvert there that may or may not be working. M. Driscoll stated that the elevation needs to be changed because it is too high. He also stated that he is going to redirect everything by placing a new twelve (12) inch culvert pipe under the driveway where the existing pipe is located. M. Driscoll showed the Commission a video of his plans where the new culvert pipe will direct the runoff between both driveways and he submitted for the record a picture from Google Maps of his property showing where the existing twelve (12) inch pipe will be reset for elevation so water will flow naturally toward the Quanduck River, as well as, a picture of the proposed culvert corrugated pipe (copies on file). J. Theroux expressed his concerns regarding Erosion and Sedimentation measures while the work is being done. Once it is finished, he will be discharging groundwater which will be clean. When the applicant takes the driveway out to put the new pipe under it, staked hay bales or silt fencing should be in place to prevent a sediment pool going to the river in case of a two/three (2/3) inch rain storm. The alternate plan improves the ability for the water to flow to where it should go; the old plan would not alleviate the ground water problem.

R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner, to approve application #IW-19-03 with the following modification: 1) to place staked hay bales below the driveway during excavation. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Consider & Act on Notice of Violation for Property Located at 65 Deerfield Drive Owned by John Brisson, III, John Brisson, IV and Ronald Plympton L/U for Deposition of Filing in Wetlands: The following was submitted for the record: A completed Inland Wetlands Application, Assessor's Property Card (Map 03832, Block 029, Lot 0090), a letter from James Sipperry, Certified Soil Scientist, dated 4/22/2019, and a letter from John Brisson explaining the

goal is to clean up said premises from garbage build up over the years, and Assessor's maps from Town of Sterling Geographic Information System (GIS) website (copies on file). J. Theroux stated that Mr. Brisson owns the first parcel on the right hand side over the bridge on Deerfield Drive. There is an old dilapidated camper there with a porch attachment on the side of it. Historically the property has always been a big junk pile. J. Brisson is in the process of improving the property by cutting down some big hazardous pine trees, picking up the garbage, and cleaning up debris. Some work was being done adjacent to the river and a few yards of fill had been dumped into the river to help access a path to remove the existing camper. The area that was inadvertently filled is located adjacent to the camper; there is a little wetland appendage that cuts in and when the property floods, the appendage washes across. The application for the proposed activity has been submitted along with a markup on the Assessor's GIS maps. The applicant is looking to improve the property and level behind the trailer where small depressions have formed. The parcel has not been delineated and everything behind the trailer is flood plains or inland wetlands. R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner to accept this as application #IW-19-05 and to schedule a site walk for Monday, 5/13/2019 at 4:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: No new violations.
2. Other Issues: None.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: None

Adjournment: R. Mossner made a motion, seconded by B. Herman 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