

June 27, 2019

**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members' present-Kimberly Gunn, Robert McLevy, and Alternate James Hawkins, Jr. Members' absent-Maggie Camplin, Brad Herman, Jen Mossner, and Richard McGarry. Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for B. Herman.

Staff present-Joyce Gustavson.

Also present- John Brisson III.

**Audience of Citizens:** No comment.

**Additions to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 5/23/2019 as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:** Winter/Spring 2019 Habitant.

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Consider & Act Application #IW-19-05 on Notice of Violation for Property Located at 65 Deerfield Drive owned by John Bisson, III, John Brisson, IV, and Ronald Plympton L/U for Deposition of Filling in Wetlands:** R. Gibson reported that Agent Theroux is out of town and has submitted staff recommendations for this application. To date the Commission is still waiting for a detailed report and a legible site plan from the soil scientist and for the wetlands to be delineated. The Commission needs to render a decision tonight unless the applicant grants a thirty-five (35) day extension in writing. R. Gibson read the following from notes submitted by Agent Theroux. In part...“NO part of this application falls under Section 4 of the regulations as a permitted use as of right due to the potential removal/deposition of significant quantities in fill. Nor does it fall under Section 4.2 because the proposed filling **will** disturb the natural and indigenous character of the wetland/watercourse by removal or deposition of fill... Also, in a letter from James Sipperly dated 4/22/2019, he misinforms Mr. Brisson stating, *The minor re-grading (no filling) that you did, is allowed under a provision in the wetland regulations of the Town of Sterling that is a “permitted use” for maintenance of residential property.* Mr. Brisson, in fact, did fill a portion of the small cove area. The filling was done to widen the passage way to allow for the removal of the existing trailer, not for “routine maintenance of residential property”. This application clearly falls under Section 4.3 of the regulations concerning any wetland or sections of the banks of the Moosup River being proposed to be filled”. R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to deny Application #IW-19-05 for property located at 65 Deerfield Drive owned by John Bisson, III, John Brisson, IV, and Ronald Plympton L/U, without prejudice because the Commission does not have the sufficient information as was requested at the last regular meeting; including a readable site plan that references wetland locations and amounts of fill in specific areas intended to be modified. All voted in favor of the motion.

**New Business:** None.

**Agents Reports:**

1. Violations: No new violations.
2. Other Issues: None.
3. Charles W. Corson, Jr., 627A Bailey Road - Disturbance within Wetlands (Assessor's Map 03459-037-0003): J. Gustavson reported for the record that there are three (3) parcels listed as

627 Bailey Road. For clarification, this parcel shall be referenced as Parcel A. There has been no activity.

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

**Adjournment:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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