

August 22, 2019

**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-Jen Mossner, Richard McGarry, and Alternate James Hawkins Jr. Members' absent-Maggie Camplin, Kimberly Gunn, Brad Herman, and Robert McLevy. Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for B. Herman.

Staff present-Joseph Theroux, Russell Gray, and Patricia Ball.

Also present- Nicholas Charron, Brian Eaton, and Rodney Galton.

**Approval of Minutes:** J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to approve the 7/25/2019 meeting minutes with one correction to New Business, Item a. ... "there is minimal site disturbance" to be removed from the minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:** J. Theroux stated he received a copy of a letter addressed to Russell M. Gray, First Selectman, dated August 6, 2019, from Melissa J. Blais, from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding property located at 10 Exeter Drive, Sterling CT (copy of file).

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Application by Greenskies for Proposed Solar Array within Upland Review Area for Property Owned by the Town of Sterling, 1183 Plainfield Pike:** Rodney Galton, Project Manager of All-Points Technology Corporation presented the application on behalf of Commercial Solar Works (CSW) and Greenskies stating the application is to install a ground mounted solar array (approximately 360 modules) behind the Town Municipal Building. R. Galton presented the site plan including the minor revisions. The commission had some discussion regarding the silt fence and possible need to add hay bales. Erosion and sedimentation controls (E&S) and conservation seed mix will be left up to the contractor with approval from wetlands agent. J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry, to approve Application #IW-19-06 by Greenskies to install a ground mounted solar array for property located at 1183 Plainfield Pike (Assessor's Map 00IOV/029/0046) referenced by a Detailed Site Plan Prepared for the Town of Sterling, dated 7/16/2019, revised date of 8/14/2019 consisting of three (3) sheets Prepared by Bradley J. Parsons, P.E., of All-Points Technology Corporation with two (2) modifications: 1) the applicant shall install staked hay bales or composite sediment socks along the toe of slope to prevent siltation from reaching the wetlands and the river, and 2) the applicant shall seed and mulch, as needed, any disturbed areas on the slope where the trees are going to be harvested to prevent erosion and stabilize the disturbed soils. All voted in favor of the motion.

**New Business:**

**a. Application by Nicholas Charron for A single Family Dwelling for Property Located at 940 Plainfield Pike:** J. Theroux presented the application on behalf of Nicholas Charron for a single family dwelling for property located at 940 Plainfield Pike. The following plan was submitted into record: February 2005 site plan, prepared by CIA Engineers Inc., titled Logan Woods, Subdivision, Lot Layout: Lots 20, 23. J. Theroux stated this property was part of the Logan Woods subdivision located off 14A, but the 2005 permit issued then has lapsed. The upland review area runs adjacent to the house and will produce a wetland disturbance. The driveway will need fill. A silt fence is proposed on the plans with minor grading on the back side of the house. Aside from Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) measures, the base of the driveway fill slope may need hay bales. J. Theroux stated the application is complete. J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to accept this as application #IW-19-07 and to schedule a site walk for Wednesday, 9/18/19 at 4:30 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Agents Reports:**

1. Violations: No new violations.
2. Other Issues: 1) J. Theroux stated he will continue to monitor the Brisson site. Mr. Brisson is cleaning up the property with no land disturbances. He moved a fifth-wheel camper onto the site and is making progress on cleaning up the site. A second camper (motor home) was also moved in. 2) David Held contacted J. Theroux regarding a two (2) lot subdivision on Gibson Hill Road. No wetlands are on the lot and there is no activity within 100 feet of wetlands so no wetland permit is needed. The lots were flagged by soil scientist Marc Sullivan. J. Theroux will provide a letter to Mr. Held with this information.
3. Charles W. Corson, Jr., 627 Bailey Road – Disturbance within Wetlands (Assessor’s Map 03459-037-0003): There continues to be no activity.

**Adjournment:** J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Ball, Recording Secretary

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