

September 10, 2020

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members' present-Brad Herman, Richard McGarry, Robert McLevy, and Alternate James Hawkins Jr.

Members' absent-Jen Mossner, Maggie Camplin and Kimberly Gunn.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for K. Gunn.

Staff present-Link Cooper, Russell Gray, and Patricia Ball.

Also present- Joe Boucher.

Application #IW20-03 by Town of Sterling for Replacement of Culvert Pipe on Cedar Swamp Road:

The following was submitted into record: Cedar Swamp Road Emergency Culvert Replacement plan prepared by Towne Engineering, Inc. dated 9/4/2020 containing two (2) sheets. Joseph Boucher of Towne Engineering, Inc. provided the commission with a copy of the proposed plan and informed the commission there is a tool that can clean out culvert pipes. There may be the ability for the town to rent the tool, but he has not located one just yet. The culvert cleaner would allow for flow through and provide extra bypass capacity in the pipe. R. Gibson asked if the concrete pipes were in good shape. J. Boucher stated of what he can see of the pipe, it is in good condition. Chairman Gibson stated the Wetland Commission's course of action is to try and improve the environment. The commission would want these cleaned out. He also stated the trash racks impede the flow and would most likely hold things back and should be removed. R. Gibson asked if anyone had any questions at this time. There was some discussion regarding the tool used to clean out the pipes and how the tool is operated. J. Boucher stated it is twenty-six (26) feet apart, headwall to headwall, and the tool is equipped to handle the size. R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by B. Herman, to approve #IW-20-03 by the Town of Sterling for culvert replacement located on Cedar Swamp Road, referenced by plans entitled "Topographic Survey" Prepared for Town of Sterling, dated 9/4/2020, consisting of two (2) sheets, Prepared by Towne Engineering, Inc., with the following two modifications: 1) during construction, the existing two (2) – three and half (3½) foot pipes must be cleaned out prior to the completion of the project; and 2) the trash racks are to be removed. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by B. Herman to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Patricia Ball, Recording Secretary

Attest: _____
Richard McGarry, Secretary