

September 24, 2020

**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Sterling Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission (IW&WC) was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Chairman Roger Gibson. Other members' present- Kimberly Gunn, Robert McLevy, and Alternate James Hawkins Jr. Members' absent-Maggie Camplin, Jen Mossner, Brad Herman, and Richard McGarry. Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for M. Camplin. Staff present-Russell Gray, Joe Theroux, and Patricia Ball. Also present- Frank Bood and Greg Glaude.

**Audience of Citizens:** No comment.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

**a. Application #IW20-02 by John Brisson, III, John Brisson, IV and Ronald Plympton L/U to Fill in Wetlands for Property Located at 65 Deerfield Drive:** J. Theroux provided an update on the application for 65 Deerfield Drive after reviewing the site. In reference to the locations listed on the aerial view map dated 4/10/2019 depicting the property and the map of inland wetlands flags dated 5/5/2020 prepared by James Sipperly, he believes there is no environmental need to fill in Area 1 of the property. The applicant was proposing to fill the area to put in a fence along the bank. Due to the steepness of the bank he does not recommend. Area 2 of the property does need stabilization. Area 3 is the original dump site where the applicant was attempting to clean up the property. The applicant is still working to complete the removal of debris. He recommends no more fill should be brought down to this area. Areas 4 and 5 are in the flood plain and no longer part of any proposal. R. McLevy asks about the structures on the property. J. Theroux believes the structures would not be taken down as no value to the applicant to remove. R. McLevy, made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to approve Application #IW20-02 by John Brisson, III, John Brisson, IV and Ronald Plympton L/U for property located at 65 Deerfield Drive (Map 03832, Block 029, Lot 0090) to fill in wetlands with the following modifications: 1) No filling or grading activity shall occur within areas 1, 3, 4, and 5 as shown on the approved plan; 2) Rip rap or round stone may be placed along the steep slopes of area 2 to stabilize them; and 3) No filling or grading activity shall be done to the northwest of area 2 as shown on the approved plan. All voted in favor of the motion.

**New Business:**

**a. Application by XDP, LLC for Single Family Dwelling for a Proposed Driveway/Wetland Crossing for Property Located at 201 Valley View Road:** The following was submitted in record: Inland Wetlands Application, list of adjacent land owners, including across the street, and General Location Survey Septic System Design Plan for Lot 9. Greg Glaude, Killingly Engineering Associates, presented the application on behalf of the applicant to the commission. He reminded the commission that this property in 2003 was part of a subdivision of nine (9) lots. This application involves lot 9, the rear lot at the end of the property. At that time, the lot was approved with a crossing through wetlands with a proposed eighteen (18) foot wide driveway. Over the years the lots in the subdivision were developed; Lot 9 was not developed and went through several different owners. The current owner purchased this year. In 2017 the previous owner came before the commission with a different plan which was approved. The new owner hired Killingly Engineering Associates and after research it was determined there were two (2) permits on this property. The 2017 plan is the current approved plan and the current owners thought they were using the 2003 subdivision plan. This plan tonight is based on the 2003 plan, but with no shared driveway required. The house, septic system, and all of the yard would be

outside of the upland review area. J. Theroux stated it was a complete application. R. McLevy, made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn, to accept this as Application #20-04 for review and schedule a site walk for Wednesday, 9/30/2020 at 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be scheduled at the next regular scheduled meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Agents Reports:**

1. Violations: J. Theroux stated he received a complaint on 156 Valley View Road. The owner is doing some clearing and wishes to clear an additional five (5) yards from what he has already completed. Most of the work is in the upland review area. The clearing is approximately twenty-five (25) feet from the closet wetlands. He submitted an application. It is up to the commission to decide if the application can be handled administratively or through the commission. J. Hawkins made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn, to have staff follow-up and complete an agent approval of the application.

One other violation was a repeat on a site from a couple of years ago on Sterling Road, the LeFleche property. The new owner (Michael Larcher and Tina Rowe) excavated approximately 120 feet of the first intermittent water crossing when you first pull into the property and trenched out the stream channel in an effort to clean it up. Larcher/Rowe was sent a notice of violation order. The owner's intention is to develop a house lot and J. Theroux explained the process and will keep this on agenda for next month.

2. Other Issues: None

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

**Adjournment:** R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Hawkins to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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Richard McGarry, Secretary