

April 22, 2021

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-Kimberly Gunn, Robert McLevy, Jen Mossner, and Alternate James Hawkins Jr.

Members' absent-Brad Herman and Richard McGarry.

Alternate J. Hawkins was seated for B. Herman.

Staff present-Link Cooper, Patricia Ball, and Joseph Theroux.

Audience of Citizens: None.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner to approve as written the monthly meeting minutes of 10/22/2020. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

a. Filmar Colato – 84 Sawmill Hill Road – Wetland Violation: J. Theroux sent a letter of violation dated 4/15/2021 to Mr. Colato (copy on file). He stated Mr. Colato was looking to improve his driveway and began the process of filling in wetlands without the review and approval of the commission. He was told to cease and desist all activities, and to please install silt fencing along the limits of the filled areas to protect the remaining wetlands and stream. He recommended Mr. Colato contact a local surveyor or civil engineer to help with the application, site plan, and wetland delineation.

b. Election of Officers: Nominations were open for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. R. McLevy made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn to retain the current slate of officers. There were no objections and no nominations. All voted in favor of the motion. The following is the slate of officers for 2021: Roger Gibson, Chairman; Jennifer Mossner, Vice Chairman; and Richard McGarry, Secretary.

c. Consider & Act on 2021 Schedule of Meetings: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn to approve the 2021 Meeting Schedule. All voted in favor of the motion.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: J. Theroux stated he received a call about a possible disturbance to wetlands associated with **Mr. Brisson's** property on Deerfield Road. The commission reviewed plans and walked this site last year. It was agreed that Mr. Brisson would work in area 1 on his plan but not area 2. Mr. Brisson stated he was unaware he was putting material in an area that was not to be disturbed. J. Theroux stated he agreed to remove the material and bring it back to grade level. Mr. Brisson is continuing to correct his error and J. Theroux will revisit at a later date.

2. Other Issues: None.

3. **John Baldwin, III**, 156 Valley View Road: J. Theroux stated John Baldwin had permission to fill/level an area before the wetlands area. He figures by the end of summer the property work should be complete. The work fits within the buffer area of the wetlands on the property.

4. **Michael Larcher/Tina Rowe**, 0 Sterling Road (Route 14) J. Theroux reminded the commission that he spoke with the owners of 0 Sterling Road in September last year, there has been no further contact, and an application has not been received. He will continue to monitor.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: The chairman asked the First Selectman if he could provide an update to the commission regarding the progress on Cedar Swamp Road. L. Cooper stated he met in January with several members of Department of

Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to try and determine a solution to the issue with beavers and beaver dams along the area of Cedar Swamp Road. A company from Waterbury was brought in to use high pressure to unplug the culvert, but only one side could be completed as the other was too plugged for the tool. L. Cooper stated currently the water level is a foot and half below the road. He did mention to the commission that the solution to correct this problem will be a long-time process as there is no easy way to deter the beavers from continuously plugging these culverts with their dams. Chairman Gibson asked about the status of the trash racks and if there is a maintenance schedule. L. Cooper stated not yet but will continue to keep an eye on it. **Adjournment:** J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by K. Gunn to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Patricia Ball, Recording Secretary

Attest: _____
Richard McGarry, Secretary