

August 26, 2021

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, Robert McLevy, Brad Herman, and Richard McGarry.

Members' absent-Kimberly Gunn and Alternate James Hawkins Jr.

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

Audience of Citizens: Michael Larcher, Tina Rowe, Melanie Duncan, Filmar Colato, Barry Goldberg, and Susan Doyle.

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McLevy to approve the monthly meeting minutes of 7/22/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

a. Filmar Colato – 84 Saw Mill Hill Road – Wetland Violation: Mr. Colato addressed the members of the Commission. He is looking to correct his property. He was trying to fix what he believed was a safety issue due to the wetlands near his driveway. He is interested in the least resistance to make his property acceptable. He wishes to not submit an application at this time and to work with J. Theroux to remove the material he had placed in any incorrect areas. R. McLevy, made a motion, seconded by J. Mossner to allow Mr. Colato the opportunity and the time to work with the wetland agent, J. Theroux, to remove the material within the wetland area. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Planning & Zoning Special Excavation Application by American Industries, Inc. for Property located at 609 Sterling Road (Owner: Grace Harriot Roberts) Map 03830, Block 022, Lot 0102: J. Theroux stated this is before the Board of Selectman and the recent revisions have nothing to do with the wetlands as it is outside the uplands review area. The town engineer has reviewed the plans (copy on file) and there is no action needed from the Commission as out of the regulated area.

New Business:

a. Application by A. Kausch & Sons, LLC for Single Family Dwelling in the Upland Review Area for Property Located at 191 Snake Meadow Hill Road: (The address listed on the agenda is not 317 Main Street). J. Theroux stated this is a complete application. J. Mossner, made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to accept application as #IW-21-01 and to schedule a site walk for Wednesday, 9/1/2021 at 5:00 PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

Agents Reports:

1. Violations: J. Theroux stated he is continuing to monitor Mr. Brisson's property on Deerfield Road. Some material has been removed and J. Theroux will review again to verify if more is needed.

2. Other Issues: None

3. Michael Larcher/Tina Rowe, 0 Sterling Road (Route 14). Mr. Larcher addressed the Commission and stated he has stopped all activity and has hired an engineering firm. He signed a contract for wetlands delineation and has stopped all digging, just cleaning around the property and not disturbing any of the wetlands. J. Theroux stated he is working with the owner to correct any issues and will continue to offer his services to ensure the property does not violate any wetland disturbances before the Commission can review.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission: B. Herman made a motion, seconded by R. McLevy to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to appoint alternate James Hawkins, Jr. as a regular member. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: J. Mossner made a motion, seconded by R. McGarry to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Patricia Ball, Recording Secretary

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Richard McGarry, Secretary