

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013
5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT. 06278**

Present: Lenny Liguore (Chairman), Gary Lipstreu, Ray Fenn, Mark Wagonbrenner (alternate), Dave Rechel, Jack Barclay.

Also present: Joe Theroux (Agent), Michael Gardner, Land Use Administrator; Francine Hodovan, Recording Secretary.

Guests: None.

Call to Order: The Ashford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Open Public Hearing of August 6, 2013, was call to order by Chairperson Liguore at 7:02 p.m.

Seating of Alternates: M. Wagonbrenner was seated for R. Zulick.

Review and Acceptance of the minutes from the Tuesday, June 4, 2013 Meeting: R. FENN MOVED AND G. LIPSTREU SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013 MEETING AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

A. Receive proposed Wetlands Regulations changes and set a date for a Public Hearing:

Attorney Famiglietti sent the proposed Wetlands Regulations changes. **R. FENN MOVED AND G. LIPSTREU SECONDED A MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT 5 TOWN HALL ROAD IN THE SELECTMENS' MEETING ROOM. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

Mr. D. Rechel arrived and was seated at 7:04 p.m.

B. Ms. Marilyn Richard, 339 Ference Road application:

An incomplete application was submitted by M. Richard of 339 Ference Road for a retaining wall. No site plan was attached. Ms. Richard noted that she will have a survey done first. J. Theroux requested the application and that she attach a sample plan for the wall. The fee is paid. IWWC will wait for more detail from the completed application. It appears that Ms. Richards would like to build a retaining wall with a dock that floats on barrels. J. Theroux will work with Ms. Richards but she will still need a valid site plan before she can bring her request to the IWWC. Application was not accepted as it is incomplete.

Hear from Public: None.

Members' Reports: R. Fenn gave an update on the Water Report that is being done by J. Pillo (Eastern Connecticut Conservation District). Nine weeks of samples have been made at 13 sites along the Mt. Hope River from Hillside to the Mansfield Town Line. The beat readings came from Lake Chaffee Brook, the Scout Camp, and Hillside Road. The worst readings were on the river just after Waterfall Road near Oakes Road and at the Fire Station. The Town Hall had the worst readings of all.

This could be due to various reasons, including but limited to, septic systems too near the river, runoff from a cattle farm nearby, water levers, etc. The report is coming together for the 13 sites over the 9 week life of the project. There may be road drainage problems and new drainage systems may have to be built, possibly 2 drains to go directly under Bassett Brook on Perry Hill Road. At issue are recreational areas, and the possible contamination to people and animals.

Correspondence: Per J. Theroux, CACIWC has sent a letter to IWWC requesting that the Chairman complete a survey online. He also passed out the Habitat and one copy of Connecticut Wildlife.

J. Barclay arrived and was seated at 7:20 p.m.

Agent's Report:

The e-coli report was again discussed.

Discussion turned to Mr. Riley of 130 Moon Road. He told J. Theroux that a hemlock tree had fallen across Bigelow Brook on his property. He removed the tree and stump. Our Wetland agent suspects that removal of the stump helped to create a swimming hole. It also appears that some material was removed from the stream bed which was approximately the size of a typical desk. This action created changes in the wetlands in a regulated area. A letter was sent to Riley and an inspection was conducted by our wetland agent. The stream excavation is approximately 10' x 15', which was excavated by a mini-excavator with the help of Riley's son who reported that the hemlock tree and stump had fallen due to severe weather conditions. J. Theroux will discuss the situation with the Eastford Wetlands Agent the owner and return in a month or 2 with his report. J Theroux indicated that removal of the tree was not necessarily a bad thing because it could prevent ice dams in the future which could cause more damage to the environment. At this time no further action from the commission is required. The commission will await the follow up report from our agent.

N.B. Three people were reappointed to their positions on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. They are Chairman L. Liguore, P. Piecyk and G. Lipstreu.

Adjournment: G. LIPSTREU MOVED AND M. WAGONBRENNER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Regular Meeting of August 6, 2013 adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Hodovan
Recording Secretary

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