

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Lenny Liguore, Jack Barclay, Ray Fenn, Gary Lipstreu, Peter Piecyk, Ken Garee (alt.), Bob Michel. Also present: Michael Gardner, Land use Department, and Francine Hodovan, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Rob and Cindy Chernuk and Eric and Jennifer Lee.

Call to Order: Chairman L. Liguore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Seating of Alternates: Ken Garee was seated for R. Zulick and Bob Michel was seated for D. Rechel.

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 1, 2015:

P. PIECYK MOVED AND R. ZULICK SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2015 IWWC REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY, EXCEPT FOR J. BARCLAY, G. LIPSTREU, AND B. MICHEL WHO ABSTAINED.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

A. Application W-02-16 Rob and Cindy Chernuk – accessory structure at 560 Bebbington Road: M. Gardner gave a summary of the application to build a 26x28 residential garage. The Land Use office received the complete application, appropriate fee, and a copy of the return receipt from Windham Water Works. The property was part of an earlier subdivision. The original subdivision site plan shows a wetlands delineation and one corner of the proposed garage is within that delineation. Currently this area appears to be covered with rocks and fill that were graded at the time of the house construction in the 1980's. The nearest visible wetland area is approximately 75 feet from the closest corner of the proposed garage. Chairman Liguore instructed that Wetlands Agent Joseph Theroux visit the site and make a determination.

G. LIPSTREU MOVED AND R. FENN SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED WITH J. THEROUX TO GO TO THE PROPERTY TO INSPECT BEFORE NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

B. Application W-03-16 Eric and Jennifer Lee – landscaping at pond shoreline, Amidon Pond: Under discussion is Lot 4 on Amidon Pond. The applicants were clearing old brush and overgrowth that appeared to have been left by the previous owner which was encroaching on the pond. The applicant intended to clean up this area of approximately 350' to make it safe for pond access. The owners were asked to stop work and come in to apply for a permit. Mr. Lee stated that he wants to clean up cut brush from the previous owner, remove the rocks and rake, plant grass and build a floating dock for pond access. He did not have a silt fence, nor did he have the proper permit and he is now aware of this. The owners met with J. Theroux and showed him their plans. Wetlands Agent J. Theroux approved the placement of the silt fence, the seeding and mulching, and also the use of a mini-excavator to finish removing the brush. Currently, the brush is being removed and used as land fill that will mulch naturally. Mr. Lee said that he would like to build a small shed for storing a kayak and some lawn upkeep equipment (lawn mower, rakes, etc.) which will be put up on blocks. The dimensions of the shed will not exceed 200 square feet and will not require a building permit. Jack Barclay cautioned the applicant to store any kind of fuel, oil, gas, etc. very carefully so as not to cause leaks or any other type of damage or accidental spillage into the pond. He also encouraged the use of cattails for seed and verified that there will be no spraying of insecticides/pesticides on the property that could leech its way into the pond.

L. LIGUORE MOVED AND P. PIECYK SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION AS WRITTEN WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1.) THE APPLICANT COMPLETE THE WORK J. THEROUX OUTLINED BEFORE THE END OF NEXT WEEK. 2.) DISCUSS WITH J. THEROUX AND SUBMIT A NEW SITE PLAN WITH THE DIMENSIONS AND LOCATION OF THE SHED, THE TYPES OF GRASS TO BE USED, SCHEDULE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SILT FENCE PER J. THEROUX'S PREVIOUS DIRECTION, PLAN FOR STORING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSIDE THE SHED. 3) WHEN THIS WORK IS COMPLETED THE APPLICANT WILL RECEIVE A PARTIAL APPROVAL. ADDITIONALLY, THE APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE THE SCHEDULE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHED AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE SHED DETAILS INCLUDING HOW TO PROTECT THE POND FROM SPILLS AND HOW FAR IT IS FROM THE WETLANDS DELINEATION. DETAILS OF THE FLOATING DOCK, INCLUDING SIZE, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, ANCHORING, SHAPE, WHERE IT WILL BE LOCATED, ETC. SHOULD FOLLOW. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

Agent's Report: None.

Member Reports:

R. Fenn reported that the OTOF spin-off group of 11 Junior-year Landscape Architect Students from UConn that is working on the Routes 44 and 74 Beautification Plan has submitted a number of great proposals and that the IWWC should be aware of this since some of it may come before the Commission if the project is approved. He mentioned an article in this month's Citizen that has more information.

J. Barclay spoke about the Forest Legacy program that is currently taking place in and around Ashford. He explained that the Forest Service and the State DEEP pays an individual 75% of the value of their property if it were to be developed to keep it from such development. Each landowner negotiates his/her own contract with the Forest Service. Forest owners are encouraged to open their land for public use. Proposals are due by June 30, 2016 for consideration. See J. Barclay for more information.

Adjournment: G. LIPSTREU MOVED AND B. MICHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 3, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

The regular meeting of the IWWC was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Hodovan
Recording Secretary

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