

**TOWN OF ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION MEETING:**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Lenny Liguore (Chair), Peter Piecyk, Bob Michel (alt.), Kenneth Garee (alt.). Also present: Michael Gardner, Land Use Administrator.

Guests: Cheryl Chase (resident), Scott Person (Forest Products Harvester)

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Liguore.

Seating of alternates: Michel was seated for Rechel. Garee was seated for Zulick

Minutes of April 4th, meeting: Piecyk moved, and Garee seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 4th, 2017 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Notification of timber harvest at 86 Seles Road. Theroux, Wetlands Agent reported in a email to the Chair, April 27, 2017, that he had walked the site and reviewed the stream and wetland crossing sites. He saw no issues with the crossing sites provided log corduroy and portable bridges are used for the stream and wetland crossings. He suggested that the proposed timber harvest falls under the regulations as a “permitted operation and use as of right”. At this May 2nd meeting, Scott Person, supplied a detailed cutting plan, and proposed E&S measures.

Piecyk moved and Michel seconded a motion to determine that the timber harvest is a permitted operation and use, confirming that the Harvester should use log corduroy and portable bridges for the stream and wetland crossings, and contact Theroux for an inspection prior to the start of the harvest. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business; none

Agent’s report: On behalf of the agent, Gardner reported that Theoroux had inspected the Cumberland Farm site and required improvements in E&S measures.

Members’ comments: Without reaching a conclusion, there was some discussion whether or not the commission should make rulings on “permitted operations and uses as of right”, such as the timber harvest discussed at this meeting.

It was suggested that Cheryl Chase might be nominated as a third alternate to the committee. As town regulations stipulate two alternates, the Chair will refer this question to the Selectmen’s office.

Adjournment: Piecyk moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Michel. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at ~7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert G. Michel
Honorary Recording Secretary