

**TOWN OF ASHFORD  
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, September 5, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Ray Fenn, David Rechel, Ken Garee (alt.), Richard Zulick, Peter Piecyk III.  
Also present: Joe Theroux, Wetlands Agent

**Guests:** Linda Parent, Dennis Flaherty, Amelia Flaherty, Ralph Sherman, Cheryl Chase, Lee Dunbar, Gary Rubenstein

**Call to Order:** Acting Chairman R. Zulick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Seating of Alternates:** K. Garee was seated for J. Barclay

**Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 1, 2017:**

**P. PIECYK MOVED AND R. FENN SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017 IWWC REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY**

**Old Business:**

**A. IW-07-17 EASTERN CT FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION:**

Mr. Lee Dunbar described the details of the application for the road bed improvements, cleaning out of the culvert and the construction of the overflow swale. D. Rechel asked how big is the pond, Mr. Dunbar estimated approx. one quarter of an acre. The placement of stone in the swale was discussed. R. Fenn asked if the existing pipe plugs up, would the water overflow into the swale, Mr. Dunbar indicated that it would. R. Zulick confirmed that the application was for 1). Cleaning out the entrance to the existing culvert pipe, 2). To regrade the existing woods road where it has eroded from the pond overflowing, and 3). To construct an overflow swale in the road bed to allow for when the culvert cannot handle the flows. He asked if the swale could be lined with 3" stone to help prevent the swale from eroding. Mr. Dunbar agreed. R. Zulick suggested that before the project is started that Agent Theroux be contacted to oversee the installation of E&S measures.

**P. PIECYK MOVED AND D. RECHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION, THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

**New Business:**

**A. IW-08-17 EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CENTER, 574 ASHFORD CENTER RD.**

Mr. Gary Rubenstein presented the application for the construction of a septic tank and pump chamber associated with the boy's dormitory within the 100 foot upland review area and the construction of the forced main leading to the quick 4 septic system outside of the 100 foot upland review area. D. Rechel asked about the elevation of the wetlands and the pump chamber. The wetlands elevation is at approx. 660. The report from Highland Soils was discussed. D. Rechel asked about the proposed E&S measures which were shown on the plan. R. Zulick read the report from Highland soils into the record which stated that if the E&S measures were correctly installed and maintained that there would be no impacts to the wetlands.

**P. PIECYK MOVED AND D. RECHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO RECEIVE THE APPLICATION FOR REVIEW, THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

**B. IW-06-17 RESIDENTIAL LOT DEVELOPMENT, WATERFALL RD.**

As there was no one present to present the application, R. Zulick described the site plan and application for the construction of a single family residence with associated well, septic and driveway. Agent Theroux explained that he initially reviewed the site plan and forwarded it to the Commission for review due to the proximity of the driveway and residence to the wetlands. R. Zulick indicated that the lot had little frontage and a narrow area to construct the driveway.

**P. PIECYK MOVED AND D. RECHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO RECEIVE THE APPLICATION FOR REVIEW, THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

**C. IW-11-17 RESIDENTIAL LOT DEVELOPMENT, 184 HORSE HILL RD.**

Agent Theroux explained that an Agent approval was given for the construction of the residence and septic system but the owner, Mr. Rudewicz wanted to build an attached and a detached garage that was not shown on the original approved plan. Agent Theroux also indicated that this application should be handled as a modification of the original permit as opposed to a new application. R. Zulick indicated that he would like to see the remaining wetlands behind the detached garage delineated and shown on a revised plan, this was the consensus of the Commission. D. Rechel asked about the dimensions of the garage, Mr. Rudewicz said it would be 45 X 36 feet in size.

**R. FENN MOVED AND P. PIECYK SECONDED A MOTION TO RECEIVE THE APPLICATION FOR REVIEW, THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

**D. LETTER TO IWWC REGARDING DRAINAGE INTO LAKE CHAFEE.**

A new drainage pipe was installed to replace a broken pipe and now residents are complaining of odors and aquatic vegetation growing in the lake. Agent Theroux read the letter into the record and explained that he reviewed the site. Mr. Flaherty and Mrs. Parent described their problem with the existing drainage pipe. Agent Theroux explained the existing conditions in the wetlands and the hydrology of the wetlands and their functions. R. Zulick offered to contact the DPW director to investigate the problem, Agent Theroux will also further investigate and report at next month's meeting.

**Agent's Report:** Agent Theroux stated he met with the new owner of the Bicknell property where there was possibly activity within the wetlands. The new owner wishes to reclaim the property for farming and has received a grant to do so. Some stone walls are currently being removed from the property in close proximity to the wetlands so Agent Theroux requires the owner to submit an application for any and all regulated activities being conducted on the property.

**Wand property, Timber Harvest Notification, Colts Pond Rd.**

Agent Theroux explained that a timber harvest is proposed for the 36 acre property, no stream crossings are necessary but some timber will be harvested adjacent to and within the wetlands.

**D.RECHEL MOVED AND P. PIECYK SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE PROPOSED TIMBER HARVEST MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A PERMITTED USE AS OF RIGHT AND NO WETLANDS PERMIT IS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE HARVEST, THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

**Member Reports: none**

**Adjournment: P. PIECYK MOVED AND D. RECHEL SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2017 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Theroux  
Reluctant Acting Recording Secretary