

**Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
November 26, 2013, 2013
Minutes**

The Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission held its regular meeting on November 26, 2013 at the Bolton Town Hall. Members in attendance were Chairman James Loersch, Ross Lally, Jane Darico and Krista Edwards. Also present was Inland Wetlands Agent Barbara Kelly. The meeting was called to order by James Loersch at 7:03 P.M.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ross Lally, seconded by Jane Darico to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted yes, motion passed.

2. Old Business

A. Application #2013-15-Sandy Butler-21 Vernon Road-Rebuild Stone Wall and Dock

Ronald Bisson addressed the commission and discussed tearing down an existing stone wall that was damaged by a fallen tree. The wall will be dismantled and hay bales will be placed in and around the lake to stabilize the area. Plywood wood will also be put down to catch any mortar. When the job is complete he will also lay sod if it is available. The new wall will consist of stone and mortar and use of existing stone. The base will be 4 feet tapered up to 2 feet.

Chairman Loersch stated the commission did a site walk November 15th, and the stone Mr. Bisson will be using is from the existing wall. Ross Lally asked if Mr. Bisson was going to be working from above and Mr. Bisson stated yes he will be working from above to knock the remaining wall down. Ross also asked if the level of the lake will affect the work on the wall. Mr. Bisson stated he will be working when the lake is drawn down. James Loersch asked how far the 4 feet base will be below the existing grade of the lake. Mr. Bisson stated they will be going down 4 feet but that will not take them into the lake bed more than 6 to 12 inches (for the crushed stone). There will be a foot of crushed stone, 4 feet wide at the base with a foot tapered at the front and a foot tapered at the back.

A motion was made by Ross Lally, seconded by Jane Darico to deem the activity a regulated activity of non-significant impact pursuant to section 3.5 of the Inland Wetlands Regulations. All members were in favor, the motion passes.

A second motion was made by Ross Lally, seconded by Krista Edwards to grant the permit finding in the affirmative pursuant to section 5.7.A parts 1, 2&3 of the Inland Wetlands Regulations with the following conditions.

1. The work shall be done as depicted in the permit application including the engineer's drawing.

2. The work shall be done when the lake is drawn down.

3. That soil erosion and sediment control measures be installed, adjusted and maintained in accordance with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.

4. The site will be stable and secure when the work is completed.

Both motions passed. All members voted yes.

3. New Business

Nothing at this time

4. Public Comment

Richard Hayes spoke to the Commission about the property he owns on Rt. 6 (adjacent to Johnson Rd). He came to the commission to for clarification on stumping his property. There are some wetlands on the property; Chairman Loersch asked if Mr. Hayes was prepared to come to the Commission for a permit to stump his property. Mr. Hayes replied he was if the Commission thought it was something that could be done. Barbara stated that if the property was 100 feet or more away from the wetlands would not be significant enough to regulated activity. Ross stated that he was not with the Commission when they approved the clear cutting of Mr. Hayes property. Ross thought if the Commission gave him Mr. Hayes permission to clear cut the property then it must have not been too large of a project to pose a threat. The property is zoned as a commercial and with proximity to Rt.6. Barbara stated that there is a less likely large species living in that area.

Jane Darico asked what Mr. Hayes was planning on doing with the land. Mr. Hayes said he would love to put something on the land but has no idea. He has held onto the land for over 25 years. Ross Lally asked the Commission if they were opposed to the stumping the property and would they require any conditions such as a permit. Chairman Loersch stated that Mr. Hayes should obtain a permit for stumping.

5. Wetlands Agent Report

Barbara discussed with the Commission the public meeting that was held about the proposed cell phone tower on West Street. Barbara offered copies of the report to the commission. Barbara had an opportunity to go out to the site and stated there are some offsite wetlands down slope of where the access road that might ne affected. She also stated the access road would affect a second area closer to the proposed tower. Barbara stated she would like to make sure the state guidelines are being followed with the Sediment and Control Guidelines and that they also file a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Barbara stated the town would be putting together comments following the public meeting. Barbara stated she would like to give her feedback to Joyce Stille.

6. Approval of Minutes

A. September 24, 2013 Regular Meeting

Corrections

First paragraph third sentence, remove the word alternate.

A motion was made by Jane Darco to accept the September 24, 2013 minutes as amended, seconded by Ross Lally. Motion passed unanimously.

B. November 15, 2013 Site Walk Notes

No comments

7. Other

A. Set 2014 Meeting Dates

James looked at the calendar and the 4th Tuesday in every month worked out well. He asked the Commission if these dates would work for everyone. The Commission all agreed on the upcoming schedule. James also stated the December's meeting would be moved forward a week and be on December 16th, 2014. James made a motion for the meeting dates for 2014. Krista Edwards seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discuss 2014-2015 Budget

The budget has remained the same for the last 3 years and has not risen. Chairman Loersch suggested leaving the budget the same for 2014-2015. Mr. Loersch made a motion to keep the budget the same for the 2014-2015 as it was for the 2013-2014 year; the motion was seconded by Jane Darco. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Krista Edwards, seconded by Ross Lally to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk

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