

Thomaston Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 9th, 2011

Members Present and Seated: Joe Fainer, Chairman, Marissa Wright, Vice-Chair, Anthony Samela, Alternate Tim Clark

Others Present: Jeremy Leifert, Wetland Enforcement Officer; Jen Pacelli; Fred Levesque; Vincent Gaultieri, USACE

Public Hearing:

J. Leifert presented a proposal to combine the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission and the Thomaston Conservation Commission. He then answered questions from commission members and the public in attendance.

Minutes:

A motion was made by M. Wright and seconded by T. Clark to approve the minutes of January 19th, 2011 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 & #2 - Discussion of Cease and Desist Orders for Lot 62-01-32 Reynolds Bridge Rd. and 296 Reynolds Bridge Rd.

R. Geddes was not in attendance for the meeting. Additional discussion was reserved for executive session.

Agenda Item #4 - Application for grading and stabilization and retaining wall construction in a regulated area, 927 Hickory Hill Rd.

Agent(s): F. Levesque

The Commission discussed additional site walks on the property, and voted on the application.

A motion was made by M. Wright and seconded by T. Clark to approve the application subject to additional conditions. Motion Passed 3-0, A. Samela Abstained.

Agenda Item #5 - Discussion of Cease and Desist Order for Leigh Ave. wood road

J. Leifert reported that he had been contacted by Sonya Ingraham, informing him that she still owned the property and was still represented by G. Seabourne. J. Fainer asked that Sonya be contacted to discuss issues on the right-of-way.

New Business:

Agenda Item # 1 - Application for Tree Removal and Driveway Permit at 423 Jackson St.

Agent(s): None

J. Leifert reported that mail was not being delivered to the 423 Jackson Street address, and was not sure if this was due to a potential snow issue preventing delivery. He stated that he would hand deliver a request to submit an application and attend the March IWWC meeting.

Communications and Bills:

Agenda Item #1 - Finalizing of items for engineering RFQ

J. Leifert and the commission discussed final recommendations for the engineering RFQ with respect to wetlands additions to the request. J. Fainer requested that language be added stating that the IWWC would not be bound to accept any proposals that would be contrary to the IWWC's best interest.

Agenda Item #2 - Pipeline easement to ASACE - Highwood Farms, Michelle Lane

Agent(s): Vincent Gaultieri, Project Manager Army Corp.

Mr Gaultieri attended the meeting to discuss plans for the proposed pipeline intallation, which would supply public drinking water into the Northfield Brook USACE property for public use during their open season for public use. He stated that they have not done any engineering design, and are waiting for approvals on the right-of-way first.

Reports of Officers, Staff, and Committees:

J. Leifert discussed his staff report (see Attachment #1).

A motion was made by M. Wright and seconded by A. Samela to return to old business to discuss application fees for Tyler Automatics on South Main Street. Motion unanimously passed.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #3 - Discussion of Cease and Desist Order for 437 S. Main St., Tyler Automatics

G. Kowalski submitted a written request to waive the post-activity fee on his application. G. Kowaleski was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by M. Wright and seconded by T. Clark to deny the request for fee waiver. Motion Passed 3-0, A. Samela Abstained.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by M. Wright and seconded by T. Clark to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Leifert,
Wetland Enforcement Officer