

Thomaston Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2016

Members Present & Seated: Joe Fainer, Chairman, Laura Fitch, Sue Pierpont, Tony Samela, Rich Jennings

Others Present: Pat Santa Maria

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Minutes:

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded by L. Fitch to approve the minutes of May 25, 2016 as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded by R. Jennings to accept the May 28, 2016 site walk minutes as amended to read Theresa Sherwood present at the site walk. Motion unanimously passed.

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 – Permit Application #2016-05-10-02 to re-grade and repair lawn area within a regulated upland review area at 801 North Main St.

Agent(s): None

The Commission discussed viewing the property, that the activity did occur in a regulated area, which has since been seeded, and that the application is after the fact.

A motion was made by L. Fitch and seconded by T. Samela that Application #2016-05-10-02 is not a significant activity. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded by L. Fitch to assess the fee at \$235.00. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded by L. Fitch to approve Application #2016-05-10-02 with our standard terms and conditions to re-grade and repair the lawn within a regulated upland review area at 801 North Main St. Motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #2 – Permit Application #2016-05-19-01 for tree and shrub removal within wetlands and within regulated upland review areas at Mountaindale Condominiums, 143 Pine Hill Rd.

Agent(s): None

The Commission discussed their site walk of the property and determined that a permit is required because of the deposition of material in the wetlands.

Discussion ensued regarding the Commission not knowing if trimming the trees along the fence area includes the removal of the bamboo as T. Sherwood mentioned during the site walk and if the deposition of material was just the dropping of trees and/or the chipping of trees.

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded L. Fitch to declare this application not a significant activity. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded by R. Jennings to set the fee at \$210.00. Motion unanimously passed.

The approval of the application was tabled until next month in order to find out if the trimming of the trees include the removal of the bamboo and if the deposition of materials includes the chipping of the trees.

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion of potential application fee revisions

The Commission reviewed the potential fee revisions and requested that scenarios be presented next month of total costs for square footage and comparisons of past permit costs.

New Business: None

Conservation Agenda: - per J. Leifert's memo, dated June 22, 2016

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 – New grant opportunities – no update.

Agenda Item #2 – Trail improvements for Dug Rd Open Space – no update.

Agenda Item #3 – Illegal ATV use/gating Dug Rd. Open Space – Cemetery Commission spoke with the Thomaston Fish and Game Club regarding the installation of a gate where the boundaries meet to keep out ATV's off the properties.

Agenda Item #4 – Environmental Assessment of Dug Rd. – the ERT Committee is reviewing the paperwork, but it is likely we won't be on the scheduled for fieldwork until the Spring of 2017.

Agenda Item #5 – Interpretive signage for Turner Rd. wetland – called S. Hayden for a quote to order the sign, which will be submitted with the grant application.

New Business: None

Communications and Bills:

- 1. Legislative Updates** – this will be reviewed next month.
- 2. First draft of fee ordinance revisions for review** – the fees were reviewed earlier in the meeting and will be discussed next month.
- 3. C&D Order release for 1099 Hickory Hill Rd.** – copy of the release was distributed to the Commission.

Reports:

Agenda Item #1 – Approved permits for Chairman Signature

J. Fainer signed the permit for 38 Atwood Rd.

Agenda Item #2 – Enforcement/Violations: per J. Leifert's memo, dated June 22, 2016

- a. 297 Old Northfield Road, Equipment & stockpiles in regulated area** – needs to conduct a follow up inspection
- b. 801 North Main Street, Grading within regulated area** – application was approved earlier in the meeting.
- c. 1099 Hickory Hill Road, Excavation in regulated area (Open C&D Order)** – not discussed.

- d. Meadow Brook Drive/Laurel Drive Watercourse Diversion Issues** – site walk is scheduled with S. Hayden on June 29th.
- e. 175 Litchfield Street, Unpermitted deck in regulated area** – owner should be coming before the Commission next month.
- f. 381 Cedar Mountain Road, Deposition in a regulated area** – progress inspection conducted June 16th – no work appears to have occurred.
- g. 167 Reynolds Bridge Road (Open C&D Order, Court Order)** – needs to discuss this with Atty. Byrne.
- h. 280 Reynolds Bridge Road (Open C&D Order)** – no update.
- i. Leigh Avenue – Standing Cease and Desist Order, W. Chamberlin Property** – no update.

Executive Session:

Agenda Item #1 – Discussion of pending litigation for 280 Reynolds Bridge Rd.

Agenda Item #2 – Discussion of pending litigation for 167 Reynolds Bridge Rd.

Executive Session was not need for these agenda items tonight.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by T. Samela and seconded by L. Fitch to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Santa Maria,
Recording Secretary