

Bridgewater Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission
44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, Connecticut 06752
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 7:30 P.M.
Bridgewater Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Frank Sproviero. The meeting was being recorded.

Roll Call and Designation of Alternates:

Present: Bob Kelly, Vic Nelson, Strother Purdy, Denise Fitch, Alex McNaughton (alt.), Curtis Read, Frank Sproviero. Also Present was Russ Dirienzo, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Absent: Greg Bollard, Lori Franklin (alt)

A. McNaughton was moved up to voting member.

Minutes of the regular meetings held July 19, 2011:

B. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2011, as corrected. F. Sproviero seconded. B. Kelly, V. Nelson, S. Purdy, D. Fitch, F. Sproviero were on favor. Alex McNaughton and Curtis Read abstained as they were not present at the last meeting.

Comments from the Public:

1. Paul Garlasco spoke about a complaint made concerning his property on Old Town Highway as well as R. Dirienzo's report.

Old Business:

1. Denning, 678 Main Street South, barn. No one was present for this application. The updated map that was requested by the commission had been submitted. The proposed new barn will be smaller and further away from the wetlands but still in the regulated area. A. McNaughton made a motion to approve Matt Denning's removal of the existing barn and the construction of the proposed barn as shown on map revised 3/1/2011. Subject to General Provisions and inspected by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer prior to work being done. C. Read seconded. Unanimous approval.

New Business:

1. Draper, 3 Landmark Drive, pool. Brian Neff presented the application to the commission. The house is for sale and a perspective buyer would like to know that they can put in a pool. B. Neff submitted a report from Nutmeg Soil Services done in 1995 stating that there were no wetlands on the property. However the proposed pool is 100' from the 210 contour which is a regulated area. D. Fitch asked about the slope. The slope was not an issue. C. Read and V. Nelson will be case officers. B. Neff will meet them at the property.

Enforcement:

1. Allingham complaint about riding trails on the Peardon and former Coleman properties on Rocky Hill Road and Hemlock Road.

B. Kelly and F. Sproviero conducted a site visit to the Peardon and former Coleman properties along with R. Dirienzo. This is the same issue that came up a year ago. F. Sproviero reported the there had been no change from their visit a year ago in September 2010. Nothing more had been done. B. Kelly agreed. B. Stuart was present for this issue. He will notify the commission if there is any work to be done on the trails.

F. Sproviero will prepare a response to the Allingham's attorney. R. Dirienzo stated that he wrote a report in 2010 and nothing has changed since then. The commission takes the Wetland's Enforcement Officer's report as advisement but they make their own decision.

B. Kelly wrote letters to Mr. Peardon and Mr. Coleman last year about two crossings that the commission should have been notified about. He felt there was no point in asking for a permit years later or having them removed as that would cause more damage and they are not causing any damage right now. However, going forward the commission has to be notified about work being done.

A. McNaughton asked if anything has happened in the last 12 months that the commission should be concerned about. There has not been.

Wayne Woodard and Steve Patton were present and representing Sunny Valley. They have gone out and inspected the trails. There are woodchips on them but the woodchips are not in the wetlands. The trails are open to the public for walking and horseback riding but not to motorized vehicles.

B. Kelly wanted to emphasize that the commission takes the Wetland's Enforcement Officer's report as advisement and every member of the commission walked that property last year and that is why they made the decision on not to issue a cease and desist.

A. McNaughton felt the commission needs to stay out of frivolous political complaints.

B. Stuart will call R. Dirienzo before he does any work in the future.

Procedural Matters:

Other Business:

1. The Non-Regulated Form will now be an Inquiry Form and there will be no charge for it.
2. There is a new regulation stating that wetlands permits are good for 14 years. R. Dirienzo will send the commission the language so that can be included in the regulations.

Adjourn: C. Read made a motion to adjourn. A. McNaughton seconded. Unanimous approval at 8:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Carreira
Land Use Coordinator