

Bridgewater Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission
44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, Connecticut 06752
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 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: Strother Purdy, Greg Bollard, Lori Franklin, Curtis Read, Vic Nelson, Denise Fitch, Alex McNaughton (alt.), Frank Sproviero

Also present was Russ Dirienzo, wetlands Enforcement Officer

Absent: Bob Kelly

L. Franklin was moved up to voting status.

Minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2011. D. Fitch made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 21, 2011. L. Franklin seconded. Unanimous approval.

Comments from the Public: none

Old Business:

1. Kang/Kwon, 209 Henry Sanford Road, land clearing/reclaiming. Tom Seger was present for this application. He submitted a marked up plan. The applicants would like to remove the invasive plants as well as dead and fallen trees. Silt fence has been installed. V. Nelson suggested using a root wrench to hand pull the invasives.

They would also like to remove the existing barn and a manure pile that is on the edge of a watercourse. T. Seger stated that they would have a dumpster on the road and spread the manure on the fields.

B. Neff is working on the stream crossing. He suggested removing the stone culvert and replacing it.

G. Bollard and D. Fitch reported on their site visit. G. Bollard felt removing the shed was not a problem. He and D. Fitch felt grubbing could be done along the streambed from upland if they go slowly and seed it right away. The existing river crossing was intended to be a farm crossing. Improvements would require a plan from B. Neff. They can pick up debris, downed trees and grub that area if down slowly and carefully. The manure pile can be removed and the old foundation should be filled in but they are in a sensitive area. Section 2 contains some wetlands in the meadow. It should be planted and mowed to keep down invasives. Section 3 is a transition of grade and the slope starts to increase with an intermittent farm pond at the bottom of the slope. Stabilize the area and see what is going on with the sheet flow. Just cut it flush and don't grub. Have the Wetlands Enforcement Officer keep checking in. D. Fitch said she had no problem with the plan presented as long as they stop by section 4. G. Bollard made a motion to approve the application of Alice Kang and Oh Sang Kwon for land clearing and reclamation at 209 Henry Sanford Road, as proposed with the addition of having R. Dirienzo be actively involved with section 3. D. Fitch seconded. Unanimous approval.

2. Wright, 94 Northrop Street, land clearing/reclaiming. Bud Wright was present for this application. He wants to turn the property back into farmland and raise cows there. He has been working with Kathy Johnson with the USDA. He will be putting a fence along the stream to keep the cows out allowing them limited access to the water. V. Nelson suggested using tubs to water the cows. B. Wright stated that he will be drilling a well

by the barn for that purpose. F. Sproviero asked about fencing and about how long the project would take. B. Wright stated that there will be 5000 linear feet of fencing and the project will be on going. C. Read made a motion that this was a permitted use for agriculture and the commission will take no action. V. Nelson seconded. Unanimous approval.

G. Bollard left at 7:00 p.m. A. McNaughton was moved up.

New Business:

1. Pratt, 96 Benson Road, resubdivision. Brian Neff presented this application to the commission. The only wetlands on the property are next to an old wood road. The driveway will be moved away from that area because the site lines are better. No activity is proposed in a regulated area. C. Read felt the commission had no jurisdiction. A. McNaughton made a motion that the applicant receive a non jurisdictional sign off for zoning. V. Nelson seconded. Unanimous approval.

Enforcement:

R. Dirienzo's report was received by the commission.

1. O'Dell, 436 Main Street South, oil spill. Nothing new to report.

Procedural Matters:

Other Business:

1. C. Read informed the commission about the plant sale to benefit the Northwest conservation District.

2. Notification was received for pond treatment at 40 Rock Cut Road, the Recreation Pond and 184 Skyline Ridge Road.

Adjourn: C. Read made a motion to adjourn. L. Franklin seconded. Unanimous approval at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Carreira
Land Use Coordinator

