

Bridgewater Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission
44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, Connecticut 06752
Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 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: Lori Franklin (alt), Curtis Read, Strother Purdy, Greg Bollard, Alex McNaughton (alt), Eric Vikstrom, Frank Sproviero

Absent: Bob Kelly, Vic Nelson

L. Franklin and A. McNaughton were moved up.

Minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2012.

A. McNaughton made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2012.

L. Franklin seconded. Unanimous approval.

Comments from the Public: none

Old Business:

1. Shilling, 250 Old Turnpike Road East, infiltration trench. The homeowner Tim Shilling and Paul Szymanski from Howland and Associates were present for this application. P. Szymanski submitted pictures of the site. A. McNaughton and F. Sproviero reported on their site visit. A. McNaughton stated that there was a preexisting septic that has water flowing over it and it needs to be dewatered. His concern was that the dewatering process may create problems on a neighboring property. There was a wetland and a pond across the street. G. Bollard felt there was an intermittent watercourse. He was concerned with the size of the proposed pipe. P. Szymanski said that a curtain drain was being proposed that would be 18" – 24" down with crushed stone and a sedimentation basin at the outlet with an 8' pipe. G. Bollard mentioned that the existing stonewall will carry the water as well. The Town will maintain the drainage pipe. Spencer Myles designated the wetlands. G. Bollard asked what they could propose

R. Dirienzo suggested that the applicant should prove there will be no increase in flow to the neighbors in a 50 year storm. He feels a 4" pipe might be enough but he would like to see the data showing the difference between a 4" and an 8" pipe and existing flow in a 50 year storm.

F. Sproviero was interested in finding out about retention possibilities and velocity control and he questioned if there would be stockpiles or will the spoils be taken off site. T. Shilling stated that there would be no stockpiling.

A. McNaughton stated that the commission really needs the numbers. The applicant will return next month with more information.

New Business: none

Enforcement:

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

1. O'Dell, 436 Main Street South, oil spill. F. Sproviero reported that there were no updates.

Procedural Matters:

1. A new regulation is being proposed. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Other Business:

1. Allingham v. Peardon and Town of New Milford. F. Sproviero forwarded a copy of the lawsuit and the WEO report to Attorney Mike Zizka. M. Zizka suggested sending a letter to the Town of New Milford and the DEEP, along with a copy of the lawsuit and R. Dirienzo's report.

R. Dirienzo reported that on his site visit he saw a brush pile at the edge of a field about 72 feet from a watercourse with no impact on the wetlands. The wetlands commission does not have the authority to regulate a buffer zone if it does not impact the wetlands. He suggested that Mr. Allingham should notify the commission when he feels there is a violation in progress. R. Dirienzo also said the he saw no evidence of heavy machinery being used in the wetlands as stated in the law suit.

2. Town of Bridgewater, road repairs to Eabow Brook Road. Property owner Gino Buzzeo wants to make improvements to Eabow Brook Road so he can access his property. The commission felt that the Town should apply since Eabow Brook is a town road.

F. Sproviero acknowledged the letter of resignation from Denise Fitch. He welcomed newly appointed member Eric Vikstrom.

Adjourn: A. McNaughton made a motion to adjourn. C. Read seconded. Unanimous approval at 8:40 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Carreira
Land Use Coordinator

