

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of December 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm**  
Council Chambers, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

*These Minutes are Subject to Approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission*

**Present:** Mary Curran, Craig Ferris, Anne Peters and Sharon Salling; **Not Present:** Kristen Hammar;  
**Staff Present:** Steve Maguire, Land Use Enforcement Officer; and Tammy Hazen, Clerk.

Ms. Peters opened the meeting at 7:31 pm.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS**

**IW #14-24 Pequot Fish and Game Club, 123 High Rock Road.** Application for pond dredging.

Milan Bull and Patrick Polster (with Pequot Fish and Game Club), and Raina Heubner (Wetlands Soil Scientist with BL Companies) were present to discuss the application to dredge a small pond that is owned and used by the club. It currently is only two feet deep and they would like to restore it back to a depth of six feet in the center. Mr. Polster plans to remove approximately 3,000 yards of material and place it in a lower field, east of the pond. They have a DEEP grant to restore habitat. They plan to use the material to enrich habitat for migratory birds.

Ms. Peters asked if the field was upland soil, how they plan to stabilize the area, and if they plan to dewater the material first. Mr. Polster said the streams have a low flow and they will drain the pond before moving material. Ms. Peters said she noticed the dam had a date on it of 2013. The applicant said it was an emergency repair. Ms. Peters said they will need to modify the application to include this work. Ms. Peters said since hunting is done on the property that under State requirement for soil reuse, they will need to check for contamination of metals and oil. She suggested the Army Corp. of Engineers be made aware of this as well.

Mr. Ferris asked how they plan to pump the water out. Mr. Polster said they will divert the stream. Mr. Maguire said they will need to do erosion and sediment controls (silt fencing and hay bales). The applicant will amend the permit and return with additional information.

**IW #14-25 Ted Hopkins, 6 High Rock Road.** Application for pond dredging.

Ted Hopkins, Greys Plains Road, explained his plans to dredge out a small pond on his mother's property. He plans to pull the plug out of drain pipe and let the water drain. He plans to let it stand for a month before excavating the sediment, then placing the material on the eastern edge of the pond and using some to reinforce the berm.

Ms. Peters said he needs to find out what type of soil is in that area he plans to place the sediment. The commission suggested he have Mr. Maguire help him find a better spot to place the material. He was asked to add more detail to his sketch, including where he plans to enter with machinery. Mr. Maguire will help him with these plans.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS**

**IW #14-27 168 + 170 Mt. Pleasant Road, Newtown Medical Office Two, LLC**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Salling motioned to approve the Inland Wetlands Meeting minutes of November 12, 2014. Mr. Ferris seconded the motion. Ms. Curran abstained. The minutes are approved unanimously as written.

**CALENDAR FOR 2015** – Mr. Ferris motioned to approve the 2015 schedule. Ms. Peters seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Salling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Ms. Peters seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Hazen