



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Inland Wetlands Commission

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 24, 2018 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Members Present: Russ Dirienzo, Robert Horrigan, John Smoliga, and Andy Engel

Alternate Members Present: Daniela Pappas, Jack Roush

Staff Present: John Cody, WEO, and Julie Cady, Clerk

Public Present: Robert Shaver, Bethany Krett, and Rod Thorne

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated regular members Horrigan, Smoliga, Engel, himself, and alternate Pappas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - March 27, 2018

Attorney Shaver approached Chairman Dirienzo with a letter requesting amendments to the March 27, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Chairman Dirienzo shared the letter with the Commission and stated he would allow the requested amendments.

Russ Dirienzo complimented John Cody stating, "He is the best Wetlands Enforcement Officer we could ever ask for" and that he works very hard and does his best.

Russ Dirienzo went on to say a mistake was made in issuing a Notice of Violation to 85 Forrest Farm Road, and when a mistake is made, we apologize.

John Cody questioned why the Notice of Violation should be withdrawn. He noted even though agriculture is an exempted activity, 85 Forrest Farm Road was still responsible for filing a permit application and did not. He went on to state this mirrors other cases where property owners got in trouble and had to submit an after the fact application. He also stated that when Attorney Shaver came into the office, they discussed this and agreed a permit application should have been done.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the March 27, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended by Andy Engel, seconded by John Smoliga and carried. Robert Horrigan abstained. The Regular Meeting Minutes amended as follows: Add to the NOV - KOVAC- 85 Forrest Farm Road - Clear Cutting entry "The Members of the Commission apologized to Mr. Kovac during the meeting for Mr. Kovac being mistakenly brought before the Commission. The Commission had previously been made aware of the Forrester's wildlife enhancement and sivicultural management practices report over the Kovac property. The Chairman then stated to Mr. Kovac that "you do not belong here, I wish we had called you, we are sorry."" Change the last word on the NOV- KOVAC- 85 Forrest Farm Road - Clear Cutting entry from dismissed to "withdrawn".

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There was none

NEW BUSINESS

04-18#1 Krett- Lower County Road - Timber Harvesting of 50 acres

Bethany Krett approached the Commission to represent the property. Ms. Krett explained they are working with David Beers of Conwood Foresters on a forest management program, and the trees are to be thinned out. The property is under a Land Trust easement. There are some wetlands in the area to be harvested. The Forester plans

on leaving a 67% canopy over the wetlands. Robert Horrigan asked if the Forester would look out for nests and snags. Ms. Krett replied it's a very detailed stewardship program and the Forester is very concerned about the wildlife and providing a good habitat. The program does address nests and snags.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the application of Krett for Timber Harvesting of 50 acres off of Lower County Road as an exempted activity by Robert Horrigan, seconded by Andy Engel and carried unanimously.

DEEP AQUA-2017-445 - Arnhold Pond - 12 Town Line Road - Aquatic pesticide treatment
The Commission was made aware of the aquatic pesticide treatment.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

NOV - Thorne/Sabag - 42 Berry Road - Tree clearing over one acre

Rod Thorne came forward to represent the property. Mr. Thorne apologized to the Commission and acknowledged that he knows he should have submitted a permit application, but it was unintentionally overlooked. He presented a map prepared by Dirk Sabin showing how he was going to remediate the tree clearing on they property. Mr. Thorne plans on creating a meadow and replanting some trees. Erosion control is in place on the property.

Alternate Roush joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made to approve Thorne/Sabag for an after-the-fact application for the clearing of trees over one acre, and a \$350.00 fee for 42 Berry Road by Russ Dirienzo, seconded by Andy Engel and carried unanimously.

Russ Dirienzo asked John Cody to keep an eye on the property to ensure remediation.

WEO REPORT

John Cody reported 13 Hickory Lane was sent a letter for a possible Notice of Violation for the clearing of trees over one acre. He never received a response from them. Russ Dirienzo requested he send them another letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. by Russ Dirienzo, seconded by Andy Engel and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cady

Julie Cady, Secretary