

Inland Wetlands Commission

**54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413**

MINUTES

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 3, 2019

Bertram Schmitz, Acting Chair with the resignation of Chairman David Radka, called the January 3, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Clinton Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of Clinton to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Green Room of the William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut.

Members present: Vice Chairman Bertram Schmitz, Secretary Scott Harley, Edward Alberino, Mike DiDonato and Christopher Jones

Member absent: Carl Neri and Student Members Daniel Radka, McKael Jakober and Caleb Adams-Hull

Also Present: David Leiper, Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO Leiper), Sherry Lee Hynes (Clerk Hynes), Eric O'Connell (Reporter for the Harbor News)

Schmitz welcomed Michael DiDonato to the Commission and acknowledged the resignation of David Radka.

Request for Release of Soil & Erosion Control Bond: Crestview Estates, 91 Killingworth LLC - \$800.00

Harley **READ** the January 3, 2019 Recommendation of WEO Leiper for the release of the soil and erosion bond in its entirety.

Alberino **MOVED** to release the Sediment & Erosion Control Bond in its entirety for IWC 13-001R: Crestview Subdivision, Lot between #81 & 91 Killingworth Turnpike in accordance with the January 3, 2019 Recommendation from Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Leiper. Harley seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Schmitz, Harley, Jones, Alberino and DiDonato. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

IWC 18-012C: 25 Ninety Rod Road, Donald T. & Elizabeth Young: deposition of materials (woodchips) in upland review area and bank of Menunketesuck River without a permit

Donald Young was present. This property has been a farm for a long time. The woodchips being brought in are for erosion control when the river rises and flooding occurs. It is an on-going process after storms.

The Commission advised him to apply for an as-of-right determination for farming.

Nomination and Election of Chairman

Harley **MOVED** to take up Agenda Item #4 (Nomination and Election of Chairman) after Agenda Item #8 (Wetlands Officer Report). Jones seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Schmitz, Harley, Jones, Alberino and DiDonato. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

Applications Received after the Filing of the Agenda (to be added by motion). None.

IWC 18-008R: 46 Fish Plain Road, Anton Facius (Applicant & Owners). Regulated Activity within 50' of Inland Wetlands: completion of house (prior wetlands approval expired). Assessor's Map 75 Block 52 Lot 29. Zone: R-80.

Administrative Permit Pending

Violation: 18 Lindera Lane: Activity Within 100' of Inland Wetlands Without a Permit ***Continued from November***

WEO Leiper spoke with Mr. Florio's engineer (Centex Engineering) for a clarification of their report of December 7, 2018. Following discussion, the Commission chose to keep this file open until an application for a wetlands permit for a flexible pond leveler is submitted, the debris from the unpermitted activities that was placed on #20 Lindera Lane is removed, and a restoration plan for the Florio property is submitted.

Wetlands Enforcement Officer Report: January 3, 2019

The Report was distributed at the meeting. In addition, WEO Leiper noted the following:

- New Morgan School Bridge – emergency repairs are anticipated to be completed by mid-February 2019.
- Eversource Town-wide Power Line Project. Contact with Eversource has been made and communications will continue throughout the process. There have been inquiries from residents on the activities.

RETURN TO NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Schmitz **NOMINATED** Harley for Chairman. Jones seconded the nomination.

Alberino **MOVED** to close the nominations for Chairman. DiDonato seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Schmitz, Harley, Jones, Alberino and DiDonato. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

With the election of Harley as the new Chairman, it left the office of secretary vacant.

Alberino **NOMINATED** DiDonato for Secretary. Schmitz seconded the nomination.

Harley **MOVED** to close the nominations for Secretary. Jones seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Schmitz, Harley, Jones, Alberino and DiDonato. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0.

Schmitz turned the meeting over to Harley.

Minutes: December 4, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting

Schmitz **MOVED** to accept and approve as presented the Minutes of the December 3, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting. Jones seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Harley, Schmitz, Alberino and Jones. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 4-0-0. DiDonato was not eligible to vote.

The Commission expressed their thank you to Schmitz as well as to David Radka in their capacity as Interim Wetlands Enforcement Officers.

Correspondence and Bills

Thomas A. Stevens & Associates, Inc. Invoice #8640 – December 8, 2017 - \$375.00

Tabled until the receipt of the report is verified and payment was not made.

Continued Business/New Business

- Report – Clinton Events. It was suggested that David Radka be contacted and asked to do an article on his tenure with the Commission. Schmitz was asked to contact Radka.
- Report: Conservation Commission. The Route 81 Corridor Study planning report is due this month.
- Membership Vacancies
 - 1 Regular Seat
 - 3 Alternate SeatsSchmitz advised the Democratic Town Committee has some candidates.
- Member Educational Opportunities. None.
- Guide Rail Spraying. WEO Leiper was asked to continue the project that Former Wetlands Enforcement Officer Eric Knapp started.

- Emergency Culvert Repair in early 2018 – Application Requirements. No discussion.
- Emergency/Permanent Repairs for Storm Damage. WEO Leiper was asked to remind the Department of Public Works that a report on the repairs (with diagrams of the work completed) is required per the agreement with Director Peter Neff.
- Discussion: Consideration of Regulations on Beaver Dams. Schmitz is gathering information.

Additions to Agenda: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting. None at this time.

Chair's Comments. Harley again expressed his thanks to David Radka for his learned input both as a member and especially as the Chairman of the Commission.

There being no further business, Schmitz **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Jones seconded the motion. Discussion: none. Voting in favor: Schmitz, Harley, Jones, Alberino and DiDonato. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none. The motion was **carried**, 5-0-0. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:55 P.M. to the February 4, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
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