

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Vice Chair Andrew Massey, Marla Butts, Diane Wolff, Dan French, Tina Lajoie, (Wetlands Agent), Patricia Lacasse (Wetlands Clerk).

Absent: Chair Mark Parker

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Andrew Massey at 7:34 P.M.
- II. **Roll Call** – Diane Wolff, Andrew Massey, Dan French, Marla Butts, Tina Lajoie, Patty Lacasse.
- III. **Appointment of Alternates** – None.
- IV. **Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings** – January 13, 2014:

MOTION MADE BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DAN FRENCH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2014, REGULAR MEETING, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. New Business:

1. #01-14-04 Town of Woodstock, Bradford Corner Rd – Road reclamation. John Navarro, Highway Foreman, was present for comment and to answer any questions. An engineered plan from J&D Civil Engineers is provided for review. The Commission discussed the amount of work to be done in the wetland area and the material to be used to repair the road as well as the methodology. Mr. Massey had concerns with any filling of a functioning wetland from Hereford Lane down to the Heckler driveway. Mr. Navarro explains that he is trying to improve the road bed and details the proposed activity in order to accomplish this. Mr. Navarro disputes Mr. Massey's characterization as this being a "natural" wetland area. Mr. Navarro describes the work as total reclamation of about 8" of depth, ground into the existing base and used as base, and then class 4 hot asphalt at 2 ½" for base course and then 1 ½" of class I. He explains that it is falling apart because the sub-base isn't sufficient. Mrs. Butts questions if he considered using road stabilization, geo textile underneath to assist, which might distribute the weight with less chance of having rutting and buckling. Mr. Navarro states that the method they have been using all along is the most cost effective for the town, and 99% of the work proposed is to be done on town property. There is further discussion on saving the trees and how the re-grading or filling around the trees could cause a problem. IWWA will visit the area separately before the next meeting. Mr. Massey recommends holding a public hearing and Mr. Navarro opposes this recommendation. A decision will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION MADE BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DIANE WOLFF TO ACCEPT APPLICATION #01-14-04. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. #01-14-05 Shane Pollock, 167 Laurel Hill Drive (Map 7272, Block 34, Lot C11) – Construction of single family dwelling, septic system in the upland review area. Norm Thibeault was present for comment and to answer any questions. He explained that this property was the site of a previous home and the applicant purchased the property with the

intent of renovation. The home was not livable and the applicant decided to demolish the building and construct a new home on the property. Marla Butts questioned the Mantis septic system to be installed as this system has been known to fail from the use of garbage disposals and water softeners. She also recommended a larger size tank since the property is approximately 60 feet from the edge of a lake. Mr. Thibeault stated that they can easily install a larger tank. He also stated that they have already received approval from the Northeast District Department of Health.

MOTION MADE BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DIANE WOLFF TO ACCEPT APPLICATION #01-14-05. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Election of Officers for 2014 and review of bylaws – Since Mark Parker was not present, the Commission decided to postpone elections until next meeting.

MOTION MADE BY ANDREW MASSEY, SECONDED BY DIANE WOLFF TO POSTPONE ELECTION OF OFFICERS UNTIL NEXT IWWA MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Old Business:

1. #12-13-17 Mark Reynolds, 835 Route 169 (Map 7280, Block 29, Lot 57) - Special event, motorcycle off-road race twice yearly.

Mark Reynolds was present for comment and to answer questions. The Fire Marshal's report to the PZC dated January 16, 2014 had recommended an engineering report for the drainage pipe to determine whether this culvert and cover material could withstand the weight of emergency vehicles. The engineering report received on February 7th from Charles Eaton of CME was submitted for IWWA review. Pursuant to manufacturer's documentation, an 18-inch diameter HDPE pipe, as installed, requires a minimum of 1-foot of compacted soil cover to achieve an adequate load rating (40,000 pounds per axle). Mr. Eaton found that the existing culvert appeared to have an average depth of cover of 9 +/- inches over approximately 15-feet of its overall length. While this depth of cover is likely sufficient to handle the +/- 20,000 pounds per axle loading of the fire truck, CME recommended that additional gravel fill be placed and compacted in the area of the existing culvert.

There is discussion as to whether this is an actual wetlands crossing since a soil scientist has not delineated the wetlands. Based on this new information, it was decided that IWWA would act on Mr. Reynolds' original application, as modified, to approve a permit for the fortification of the pipe with additional gravel, as recommended in the engineering report.

MOTION MADE BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DAN FRENCH TO APPROVE APPLICATION AS AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF UP TO 6 INCHES OF GRAVEL FILL OVER THE CULVERT MAIN ACCESS POINT FOR THE PARKING AREA TO ACCOMODATE ACCESS BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET IN THE ROADWAY, AS RECOMMENDED BY CME. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. #12-13-18 Stephen Adams, 85 Loyola Rd (Map 6393, Block 65, Lot 147) – Construction of single family dwelling, septic system (previously approved under #04-03-17, now expired).

Stephen Adams was present for comment and to answer any questions. Tina Lajoie reminded the Commission that there was a pending application before the Zoning Board of Appeals for this proposal (which does not meet the current zoning regulations). The Commission had no further questions on this application since their last meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION 12-13-18 MADE BY DIANE WOLFF, SECONDED BY DAN FRENCH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report:

1. Review of budget memo by Agent on behalf of IWWA – Tina Lajoie stated that she has submitted the budget to the Board of Selectmen. Also, First Selectmen, Allan Walker, encouraged everyone to attend the Public Hearing Meeting on April 8, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall meeting room. He also stated that their presence will make a difference when the Board of Finance makes their final budget cuts. There were no agent signoffs to report.

VIII. Communications and Bills:

1. CT Association of Wetland Scientists 2014 Annual Meeting – March 20, 2014, 8:15 am to 3:45 pm at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Southbury, CT
2. The Habitat, Winter 2014 Issue.
3. Brochure from the CT Federation of Lakes.

IX. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY DAN FRENCH, SECONDED BY MARLA BUTTS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:56 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectively submitted by - Patricia A. Lacasse

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Recording Secretary