

Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission
40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279
December 11, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Dave Schreiber – Chairman
Tess Gutowski – Co-Chairman
Patrick Lord

Members Absent:

Mark Drobney - excused

Also Present:

Regular Meeting

D. Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30.

New Business

W2017-30 Application for timber thinning and brush management at 34 Eldredge Road (Map 13 Lot 60 Zone R80) Owner/Applicant: Elinor Lowell (Received December 11, 2017 Decision by January 22, 2018)

Elinor Lowell was present and submitted a Conservation Plan Map and two documents; one on Brush Management and the other with details on the harvest. S. Yorgensen said the application is a request for agricultural exemption. Ms. Lowell said the thinning and brush management will help her to better manage her property and to have trails for snowshoeing.

Ms. Lowell said the application is for brush management and not a commercial harvest. She said it is a selective cutting that includes Ash, Sugar Maple and Red Maple (hard woods) and will be done in a 3 year time frame. The map listed 7 Stands and the activity to take place in each Stand. A discussion was held on the Stands.

A discussion was held on Stand 5 and the herbicide to be used. Ms. Lowell said the herbicide will be used on Barberry and Multiflora Rose and will be used once a year for brush management. A discussion was held on the area Hull Forest Products will harvest. P. Lord asked how much activity will be within 100 feet of the buffer and Ms. Lowell said they will use only hand tools for brush management in that area. She added that Hull Forest will access the site by her gravel driveway.

T. Gutowski said she believes the Agricultural Exemption/As of Right falls under section 4.2 of the regulations and a discussion was held.

T. Gutowski motioned to approve W2017-30 Application for timber thinning and brush management at 34 Eldredge Road under section 4.2 of the regulations. P. Lord seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

W2017-25 Application for Timber Harvest at River Road & Schofield Road (Map 39 Lot 10 & 10A Zone R80) Owner: William Baxter & Goeller Family Trust Applicant: Hull Forest Products (Received November 27, 2017 Public Hearing or decision within 65 days)(Site walk November 18, 2017)

A discussion was held on the pictures Brennan Sheehan submitted since the last meeting. A discussion was held on the IWWC Commission's areas of concern, the map and the wetland area to the Northeast. Discussion as held on the Forestry Regulations and the harvest.

The Commission asked for additional areas to be depicted. The IWWC has concerns since the follow up information received as it is not what was requested. The Commission agreed they do not have enough information to make a decision. P. Lord said he would like to conduct another site walk. She said she will also ask if he would like to meet the Commission for the site walk.

Staff Report and Discussion

A discussion was held on the Forestry Regulations. S. Yorgensen said she will pull up the information sent to and from the Attorney and will also confirm that the Commission has the correct draft. She said DEEP has reviewed the draft and suggested the Commission go to Public Hearing with this draft. T. Gutowski and P. Lord said they did not feel comfortable moving forward with this draft as they feel that it is incomplete and a discussion was held.

S. Yorgensen said they can start over and send it back to DEEP for review or go with the current changes and take suggestions from the Public Hearing. T. Gutowski said she would like to review the regulations, make changes and then send them back to DEEP for review. P. Lord agreed.

T. Gutowski asked if Staff could contact towns to see if they have adopted Forestry Regulations. She would like to look at the proposed state regulations, state statutes and copies of town regulations at the next meeting. S. Yorgensen will look into what was sent to the Attorney and will also send the Commission the comments received from DEEP.

D. Schreiber motioned to add **Present to Speak** to the agenda. T. Gutowski seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ralph Tulis asked the Commission if they were aware of the notice to Loves Travel Center from DEEP; Notice of Tentative Decision, Control Permit for the Following: Discharges into water of the State of Connecticut and he provided them with a copy. He also provided a copy of the Data Tracking & Technical Fact Sheet and the DEEP UIC Permit for Love's Travel Stop. He said he is going to push for a Public Hearing in Willington and a discussion was held. The Commission said they could not discuss this with him since this could come before them in the future.

Mr. Tulis referred to the previous meeting minutes and a discussion was held on crumbling foundations. A discussion was held on the area of disturbance when foundations are repaired or lifted for repair. Discussion was held on excavation and

removing the old foundations. Mr. Tulis asked the Commission to look at a house in Tolland on Rhodes Road that is addressing a crumbling foundation.

A discussion was held on the permit process for crumbling foundations. S. Yorgensen said an applicant currently has to come before the Commission if a wetlands permit is attached to the initial building permit. The IWWC Commission would like the Building Inspector to consult with Staff regarding any type of foundation repair and if the property needs a wetland permit, they have to come before the Commission.

Correspondence

- 2018 IWWC Meetings
- Town of Willington Storm Water Management Plan

T. Gutowski asked the Commission to review the Storm Water Management Plan.

Minutes

T. Gutowski motioned to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017. P. Lord seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Manas

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Recording Clerk

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At 1:25pm Michele Manas