

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 – 7:15PM**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Allen Kinsella, Lorraine Lucas, Ray Turri, and Rick Wadhams; Martin Connor, AICP, Town Planner/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

EXCUSED: Carey Budnick.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:20PM. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

A. December 3, 2015 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

No business was discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tony Tartaglia, Lot #478 Sherbrook Drive, Inland Wetlands Permit #01-06-03 (Construct Single Family Dwelling) – Request to Extend Permit 4 Years.

Mr. Connor explained that the permit had originally been approved in 2006. In the interim, the State had passed legislation permitting an extension of permits granted during a specific time period. Mr. Connor explained that this permit qualified under that State law for a four-year extension. He said that there were no changes in site conditions or terms of what the permit proposes, and he recommended granting the extension. Mr. Stansfield questioned whether a public hearing had been held on the original permit. Mr. Connor responded negatively.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Ms. Lucas, to grant a four-year extension for **Inland Wetlands Permit #01-06-03 – Tony Tartaglia, Lot #478 Sherbrook Drive – Construction of Single Family Dwelling**; unanimously approved.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's enforcement report for the period from December 3rd through January 7th. Mr. Connor discussed with the Commission a property on North Goshen Road; the property had been the subject of an application in 2013 that was subsequently withdrawn. He explained that the property owner had questioned whether an Inland Wetlands permit and engineered plans would be needed for work on the site. Mr. Connor and Mr. Stansfield both noted that there were two stream crossings to access the site, as well as construction of a septic system for the property. Engineered plans were standard requirements in such a situation; they had been requested as a part of the original application and would very likely be requested again should another application be made for this property.

Mr. Turri advised Mr. Connor of a property on Shelbourne Drive where a backhoe had been parked for the past two weeks. Mr. Connor said that he had also seen this and would look into the situation further.

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Turri, to accept the Enforcement Report for the period from December 3, 2015 to January 12, 2016; unanimously approved.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission reviewed the Winter 2016 edition of *Connecticut Wildlife* and an advisory letter from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding changes to the Inland Wetlands statutes. The changes pertained to the court processes for appeals and to noticing requirements. Towns with Inland Wetlands Regulations based on the DEEP model regulations, such as Goshen, would not need to make any changes to their regulations.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Turri, to amend the agenda to add discussion of the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget; unanimously approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

A. 2016-2017 Annual Budget.

The Commission reviewed the budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year and information regarding the current year's expenditures. Mr. Connor stated that he supported maintaining the budget at its current level with no increase. Members of the Commission stated, however, that they hoped the Board of Finance would find it fitting and proper to authorize a pay increase for the Commission Clerk.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Turri, to accept the 2016-2017 budget as recommended with no increase; unanimously approved.

9. ADJOURN:

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Turri, to adjourn at 7:37PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Sefcik
Recording Secretary