

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015 – 7:15PM**

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

EXCUSED: Andy Savarese.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:16PM. 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. October 1, 2015 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella, second Mr. Wadhams, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 regular meeting as written; the motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Turri abstaining.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Under Mountain Logging for Hidden Ridge Associates, LLC, Reservoir Road (Assessor's Map #03-004-011) – Commercial Timber Harvest with Two Stream Crossings.

Norman Waycott addressed the Commission regarding this matter. The Commission reviewed the application materials submitted. Mr. Connor explained that he had visited the site with Mr. Waycott on a rainy day, and he concurred with the location of the two proposed crossings. Mr. Connor recommended approval of the application.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Kinsella, to approve the application in the matter of **Under Mountain Logging for Hidden Ridge Associates, LLC, Reservoir Road (Assessor's Map #03-004-011) – Commercial Timber Harvest with Two Stream Crossings**; unanimously approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Torrington Water Company, East Street North (Assessor's Map 04-010-031) – Commercial Timber Harvest with Three Stream Crossings.

Jonathan Zeiner, Certified Forester, from the Torrington Water Company addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Zeiner explained that this project was similar to a timber harvest that had been approved on the property the previous year. While the address in the assessor's records listed East Street North, the harvest site was in fact closer to Whist Pond Road. The property was part of the 3000-acre watershed to Allen Dam. The harvest would be occurring on 55 acres of land, and there was no other way to reach the harvest area without the three stream crossings. He stated that the stream beds were currently dry. Mr. Zeiner said that he believed that corduroying would be sufficient; however, he could do a bridge instead if the Commission preferred. Mr. Stansfield stated that any potential approval could simply permit whatever method was believed to be sufficient at that period of time. Mr. Zeiner anticipated the size of the harvest would 240,000 board feet.

Mr. Connor and Mr. Zeiner arranged a site visit for Friday, November 13th at 1PM. Mr. Stansfield expressed interest in attending the site walk as well.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Turri, to accept the application in the matter of **Torrington Water Company, East Street North (Assessor's Map 04-010-031) – Commercial Timber Harvest with Three Stream Crossings**; unanimously approved.

B. Jonathan Zeiner for Christian Marino, 236 Ivy Mountain Road – Commercial Timber Harvest with Three Stream Crossings.

Jonathan Zeiner, Certified Forester, addressed the Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Zeiner explained that the property was in trust, and the owners were interested in a long-term management plan. While the property was 66 acres, only 30 acres would be involved in the harvest. The harvest size was approximately 152,000 board feet. Mr. Zeiner explained that the streams were 2-3 feet wide; the northern two were currently dry. The southernmost stream to be crossed was two feet wide and flowed from one marsh area to another. He stated that he believed corduroy was also suitable on this site. The header would be located near the house.

Mr. Connor and Mr. Zeiner agreed to visit this site after completing the site visit for the Torrington Water Company application.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the application in the matter of **Jonathan Zeiner for Christian Marino, 236 Ivy Mountain Road – Commercial Timber Harvest with Three Stream Crossings**; unanimously approved.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's enforcement report for the period from October 2nd to November 5th.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella, second Mr. Turri, to accept the Enforcement Report for the period from October 2, 2015 to November 5, 2015; unanimously approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission received the Fall 2015 edition of *The Habitat*. The Commission also reviewed information regarding the annual meeting of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, to be held on Saturday, November 14th.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

A. 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule.

The Commission reviewed the proposed schedule and made no changes.

MOTION Mr. Stansfield, second Mr. Turri, to adopt the 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule as proposed; unanimously approved.

9. ADJOURN:

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Stansfield, to adjourn at 7:35PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Sefcik
Recording Secretary