

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)
Franklin Town Hall
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.,
Franklin, CT 06254
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

This meeting was held in virtual format with connections via live stream and video conferencing.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Calli Carboni called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Calli Carboni, Joseph LeVasseur

Alternate Members Present: Raymond Baribeault

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Leo Bienvenue, Niels Jeppesen, Secretary Don Smith

Alternate Members Absent: Pat Coleman, John McGuire III.

Chairman Carboni seated Ray Baribeault for Leo Bienvenue.

2. Additions to the Agenda: NONE

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. September 7, 2021

MOTION #1 (10.05.21): made by Ray Baribeault SECONDED BY Joseph LeVasseur that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes – as amended:

1. Call to Order: Chairman Carboni seated Ray Baribeault for Leo Bienvenue & John McGuire for Don Smith

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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4. Report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Carly Holzschuh was absent but provided the following notes:

- Franklin Hills: Boundaries show E&S is in good condition with no maintenance or repairs needed at this time
- 21-06 Burrows: Timber Harvest, Jurisdictional Ruling for an As of Right Use. One intermittent drainage crossing will be stabilized with corduroy and/or portable timber bridges
- 21-07 Riendeau: Timber Harvest, Jurisdictional Ruling for an As of Right Use. I requested a copy of an access agreement to show the logging company has permission from Franklin Hills Golf Course to use their access road to reach the site. Because of the status of the Golf Course property, I want it in writing that Franklin Hills is aware of the activity on their property and the liability of any E&S impacts it may have on their access roads. If the applicant doesn't have this you may continue the decision to the next meeting for lack of sufficient information.

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. **IWWC 21-07 RIENDEAY & SONS LOGGING / PASQUALINI:** Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest, Property located at 147 Lebanon Rd; Assessors Map 42, Lot 12; Zoned R-80, Existing use of property is vacant/forest, proposed activity is select timber harvest of approximately 12 acres

APPLICANT/PRESENTATION: Mr. Scott Person was present to represent the applicant. He submitted the application & fee, statement of activity, SECCOG Mapping, Notification of Timber Harvest, and letter signed by Andy D'Amato, abutting property owner allowing Riendeay & Sons Logging to use an access road through his property. There are no wetlands, vernal pools, or intermittent streams on this property. There is a small swale at the north end of the property that would carry water for a single storm event. Blue ribbons were put where the harvest will cross it and ribbons run down the swale noting its location. Bridge mats will be placed there to cross. This is relatively a small harvest of approximately 12 acres and will take about one month

MOTION #2 (10.05.21): made by Chairman Carboni SECONDED BY Ray Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve the Jurisdictional Ruling for IWWC 21-07 – as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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- b. **IWWC 21-06 HULL FOREST PRODUCTS:** Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest, Property located at 26 Murphy Rd., Assessors Map 42, Lot 11; Zoned R-80; Existing use of property is residential, proposed activity is select timber harvest to promote natural regeneration establishment.

APPLICANT / PRESENTATION: Mr. Austin Burrows was present to represent the applicant. He submitted the application & fee, Notification of Timber Harvest Form, & associated SECCOG Mapping. Hull Forest Products intends to conduct a timber harvest on approximately 43 of the 46 acres north of Murphy Rd. owned by Mr. McKinney Jr. Property Boundaries have been identified and trees to be harvested have been marked with blue paint marks at eye level. There is one intermittent drainage crossing associated with this operation. Temporary timber bridges and/or corduroy will be installed as needed to stabilize crossing during the operation. It is estimated 6-8 weeks of good working weather will be required to complete the project. All best management practices regarding Timber Harvesting as adopted by the CT DEEP will be strictly adhered to.

IWWC COMMENTS: Commission members reviewed application paperwork as submitted. Chairman Carboni pointed out that although the application form included correct information for Lot # - there was additional unnecessary information also included, there was no answer for the question "are taxes paid", SECCOG system listed the property owner as Cherick Distributor but the application was signed by Mr. McKinney Jr. The applicant did not submit signed documentation stating the owner of Cherick Distributor was in fact Mr. McKinney.

Austin Burrows agreed to correct all application paperwork to complete the application and return to IWWC.

MOTION #3 (10.05.21): made by Chairman Carboni SECONDED BY Ray Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission table IWWC 21-06 Hull Forest Products

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6. New Business: NONE
7. Correspondence: NONE
8. Report of the Chair: NONE
9. Public Comments: NONE
10. Adjournment:

MOTION #4 (10.05.21): made by Joseph LeVasseur SECONDED BY Ray Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pollard

Land Use Administrative Assistant