

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)
Franklin Town Hall
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.,
Franklin, CT 06254

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

December 3, 2019

7:30 p.m

1. Call to Order: Chairman Calli Carboni called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Calli Carboni, Joseph LeVasseur. **Members Absent:** Vice Chairman Leo Bienvenue, Niels Jeppesen & Secretary Don Smith. **Alternate Members Present:** Raymond Baribeault. **Alternate Members Absent:** Pat Coleman, John McGuire.

Also Present: Carly Myers, Planner Southeast Connecticut Council of Governments (SECCOG) & Ron Chalecki, Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Chairman Carboni seated Mr. Baribeault for Mr. Bienvenue.

2. Recognition of Visitors: NONE
3. Additions to the Agenda: Agenda Item 7d. IWWC # 19-03 Patrick Dunn.
4. Approval of Minutes:
- a. August 6, 2019:

MOTION #1 (12.03.19): made by Mr. Baribeault SECONDED BY Joseph LeVasseur that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission table approval of August 6, 2019 minutes to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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5. Report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer: NONE
6. Unfinished Business:
7. New Business:
- a. **Application #19-04 Hull Forest Products Inc.:** Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest; property located at Pleasure Hill Rd., Assessors Map 53, Lot 1 & 2, Zoned existing use of property is vacant land.

APPLICANT/PRESENTATION: Chris Casadei, Hull Forest Products, was present to present this application. He submitted a cover letter dated October 31, 2019 explaining proposed activity, layout of activities, and specifics of best management practices for a logging associated to this Timber Harvest. Mr. Casadei presented the Notification of Timber Harvest Form and Timber Harvest Map. Those in attendance reviewed mapping of proposed timber harvest areas. Discussion included, but was not limited to, that proposed activity will be conducted this winter on approximately 80 acres owned by Jon & Theresa Young, and the operation involves selection timber harvest with objective to liquidate a portion of landowner's timber asset. The harvest will be conducted as a whole with trees being brought to landing areas where they would be merchandised and hauled off site via the existing woods road that Windham Materials (Franklin Mushroom Farm) utilizes for gravel removal.

It is our understanding this type of agricultural activity is permitted as a use of right. Three intermittent drainage crossings associated with this operation have been identified in the field with markers. This property has been harvested in the past and Hull intends to utilize landing areas and skid rows previously used. Parts of the property to be utilized are relatively steep where the skid steer will go as shown on mapping and indicated as skid steer crossings. These areas show no water in drainage areas in the fall and there are very well drained soils in this area. Drainage comes down the hill and gets absorbed into pine tree areas. Installation of water bars will be placed where there is steep slope and will be addressed using best management practices.

TOWN PLANNER COMMENTS: Carly Myers asked there be consideration for crossing down lower on slopes due to steepness. Chris Casadei indicated he reviewed all plateaus within respect to steepness and choose most flat areas available and will utilize best options where areas were previously disturbed.

Temporary Bridge Structures: Mr. Casadei explained how structures would be applied. Best management practices are to be used and the corduroy method would be utilized (building a road by cross-laying it with saplings or small poles). Mats would not be used.

Chairman Carboni called for a 10 minutes recess at 7:49. Meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

After further discussion on Application #19-04, the Commission approved a Jurisdictional Ruling for Timber Harvest on property located at Pleasure Hill Rd., Assessors Map 53, Lots 1 & 2.

b. Approve IWWC Budget 2019-2020:

MOTION #2 (12.03.19): made by Mr. LeVsseur SECONDED BY Mr. Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Line Item 1400.20 Advertising in the amount of 750.00 AND Line Item 1400.40 Town Planner in the amount of \$5000.00

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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c. Approve 2020 Meeting Calendar:

MOTION #3 (12.03.19): made by Mr. LeVasseur SECONDED BY Mr. Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve the 2020 Meeting Calendars - as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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d. **IWWC # 19-03 Patrick Dunn:** New Site Plan Review, for property located at 522 Lebanon Rd., Assessors Map 29, Lot 3, Zoned R80, for installation of driveway including stripping 6" of topsoil and installation of crushed stone.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION: Mr. Dunn was present and provided revised plans dated November 21, 2019 and a brief presentation of site conditions, specifics of design, and proposed activities.

TOWN PLANNER COMMENTS: Ms. Myers provided a review of the culvert proposal. She asked if there are any standing water issues in the area. Mr. Dunn replied No.

ZONING OFFICER COMMENTS: After reviewing revised plans, Mr. Chalecki pointed out contours did not make sense and appear to be incorrect. Additionally denoted elevations do not add-up. Plans do not show where construction is relative to top of ground contours and what applicant wants to do in terms of piping installation. In general, revised plans submitted this evening do not properly show what the applicant is proposing and do not offer necessary details needed by IWWC for approval of this application. Plans must be corrected prior to potential approval.

MOTION #4 (12.03.19): made by Mr. LeVasseur SECONDED BY Mr. Baribeault that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Application #19-03 Patrick Dunn with the following condition:

1. Contour lines on Site Plan are to be corrected in accordance with Zoning Enforcement Officer prior to issuance of a permit

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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8. Correspondence: NONE
9. Report of the Chair: NONE
10. Public Comments: NONE
11. Adjournment:

MOTION #5 (12.03.19): made by Mr. Baribeault, SECONDED BY Mr. LeVasseur that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pollard

Land Use Administrative Assistant