

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Town of Voluntown

July 2, 2015.

Members present were Eric Williams, David Miner and Lester Davis, and wetlands agent, Joe Theroux. Absent were Chairman, Tom Sweet, John Moran and alternates Bob Panko and Tammy Daigneault. Eric acted as Chairman in Tom's absence.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

The approval of minutes was tabled until the end of the meeting.

In The Audience: Michael Sposato, Kevin Wilson, David Held & Leo Goercke.

The following applications were added to the agenda: Livingword Fellowship, 512 Beach Pond Road and Leo Goercke, 42 Wilson Road.

New Business: Michael Sposato, 851 Pendleton Hill Road. Mr. Sposato wants to improve the spillway to the pond on his property. It was built around the 1700's, has been quick fixed with planks and rocks a few times since then, but is now in need of repair. The pond is about ½ acre. He is not making it bigger, smaller or changing the elevation of the existing spillway. Concrete will be used and there will be a new key way. Work will begin around August or September. It was agreed that he contact Joe when the work begins and that perhaps he should mention the work to his neighbor down the road although it should not affect him. Once the water level goes down he should put some hay bales around the site. After looking over the plans, Lester made a motion to accept the application by Michael Sposato at 851 Pendleton Hill Road, repair of a spillway, Dave seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Livingword Fellowship. Present were David Held, land surveyor, from Provost & Rivero and Paster Kevin Wilson. They would like to clean up an area on the property that had previously been cleared of trees and clear the stumps that were left there. They would like to cut down a few more trees for the purpose of landscaping. There is a drainage ditch that runs along Route 165. Wetlands are delineated on the map Mr. Held showed the board. New catch basins will be installed at the upper end of the existing culvert and from there extend the culvert up Route 165 and regrade the area. There will be some disturbance of the wetlands in the ditch area which is about 3700 square feet. The map shows a gazebo which will be built sometime in the future but they are not sure if it will have any impact on the wetlands at this point. An 18 inch pipe, which will be an extension of the existing 18 inch pipe, will be installed. They will be stripping the top soil off and bringing in extra soil to backfill around the pipe and bring the grade up. Stumps will be taken off site. A temporary erosion control mat will be installed after the topsoil is done and the grading and seeding is done. That section of Route 165 is not curbed so there will be a slight swale made to the catch basin to catch runoff from the road. Mr. Held stated that he will be submitting plans to DOT sometime next week. Dave made a motion to accept the application for the Livingword Fellowship, pending notification from the State as to their approval or disapproval of the plans, Eric seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

42 Wilson Road, Leo Goercke. Application for the installation of a new septic system. Steve Abrahamson will be doing the work. An approval letter from Al Gosselin was submitted with the application. The board would like the plans to reflect the location of the existing cesspool. Joe will contact Steve and let

him know what he has to do. Lester made a motion to accept the application for Leo Goercke as an agent approval with the revision of the existing plan to reflect location of existing cesspool, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Joe mentioned that the State is sending out training vouchers for classes, but there are no classes scheduled. If there are any workshops they will let us know. There was a letter from FEMA/Department of the Interior, doing a study on different river water sheds.

Agent's Report: Joe stated that all is quiet at this time. Nothing major going on.

The minutes from the last three meetings could not be approved at this time and were tabled until the next meeting in August.

Eric made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Williams, Acting Chairman