

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

October 1, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. Regular members present were Eric Williams, Lester Davis, David Miner and John Moran. Alternates Bob Panko and Tammy Daigneault were also present, along with Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux. Chairman Tom Sweet was absent. Eric Williams filled in for the Chairman.

Audience: Phil Belisle, Rodney McClaren, Scott & Eileen Gibson, George Grandolfi, Cindy Lombardo and Robert Buckley who was accompanied by several family members.

Lester made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting, Bob seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Application 15-06-LivingWord Fellowship-Grading, Landscaping & Drainage Improvements. David Held, Engineer with Provost-Rovero presented the board with the revised plans as recommended by the State Department of Transportation. DOT has approved the plans and the only stipulation they had was they needed to see approval from the wetlands commission before they will issue a permit. David recapped to the board what they proposed to do which was clearing the area adjacent to Route 165 which will be re-graded and the lawn will be expanded up into the area between the parking lot and the road. In order to accomplish that, the drainage swale which is flagged as wetlands, would be replaced with a pipe which would come out of a new catch basin and tie into an existing cross culvert that goes under the driveway. There will be an area which he showed on the map that would be temporarily protected by an erosion control blanket while vegetation is being established. The project would not take place until next spring, if approved, as there is not enough time to do the work and get grass to grow. John made a motion to approve Application 15-06, LivingWord Fellowship, Dave seconded the motion, all were in favor, so carried.

Tammy Daigneault recused herself off of the board at this time.

Bennett Road Drainage. Mr. Buckley had a letter from James McNally, Engineer from Boundaries, with a report on the discharge of stormwater over a portion of Bennett Road, what was observed and what their recommendations are for the property under construction (Gibson's property), and for the private road itself and all who use it. A copy of this letter will be appended to these minutes. Joe made copies of the letter to give to the board members and the audience members to read. Joe stated that it was a good report and the engineer did a good job of breaking it all down into two different issues, one of which was the Gibson property and the second one with the private road. The report addressed the sizing of the existing pipe making sure the pipe is big enough to handle what they are proposing. The next step would be for the engineer to design the system, and get it on paper for the board to look at, as long as Mr. Buckley is agreeable to this. Mr. Buckley didn't know what time frame the Board was looking at and Joe recommended getting started as soon as Mr. Buckley could get the engineer to look at it and draw something up to bring to the board. Preferably before winter sets in. It was recommended that everyone who lives on or near Buckley Drive read the report and get together with Mr. Buckley to discuss and come up with a plan. Joe told the group that as Wetlands Agents he would have no problem working with the engineer in any way he can to make it easier for them. By State Statute, the board cannot accept and approve an application at the same meeting, so if a plan and application is submitted

at the November 5th meeting, the board could hold a special meeting within 15 days and approve it then. Mr. Buckley said he will discuss with his sons and have a community meeting. The board recommended cleaning the sumps out in the catch basins if they are full. Also, Joe will see if the Town will have their engineers look at the section of the town road that is contributing to some of the water and see what they can do. Mr. Buckley asked that the contractor the Town hires to clean out the catch basins on the roads, if they could have them do those basins on the private road at their expense. Joe thought it was a good idea and it wouldn't hurt to ask the Selectmen to let them know when this is being done.

AGENT'S REPORT: None.

Lester made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Williams, Acting Chairman