

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. Members present were Chairman Tom Sweet, Dave Miner, Andrew McLallen, Lester Davis, John Moran, and alternate Bob Panko. Alternate Tammy Daigneault was absent. Also present were Joe Theroux, Wetlands Agent, and Town Attorney Mike Carey.

In the Audience was Bob Schuch from Schuch Engineering and several residents from Buckley Drive.

Chairman Tom Sweet opened the meeting. Application IWC-16-02, Buckley Drive drainage plans. Bob brought revised plans based on comments from the board and Joe and the letter from CLA Engineering. Because there was no quorum at last week's meeting, Bob went over the plans with the revisions. He explained that the drainage improvements involve a trapezoidal channel beginning at Mr. Gibson's rip rap overflow spillway at the end of his driveway and 255 feet down to Mr. McClaren's driveway where there is a 12 inch culvert and the channel will be 18 in. wide, 18 high, 2 to 1 slopes with modified rip rap. Below that will be an 18 in. by 18 in. area of inch and a quarter crushed stone which will promote ground water infiltration and recharge throughout the area. The storm water will continue through the existing culvert into another 24 foot long trapezoidal channel into a new catch basin that will be constructed on the edge of the driveway. It will be piped over to the catch basin in front of the Grandolphi property. There will be stone check dams that will be put in during construction to block any velocity that occurs. The road will be super elevated which means it will be higher on the lake side and it will be pitched towards the channel. The edge of the channel will be on the edge of the gravel driveway. There will be 3 water bars installed and that will be pitched so any water coming down the driveway will be directed toward the channel. Bob showed the existing catch basin by Grandolphi's property where there is an existing 8 inch pipe in the pavement to the basin. It is a low spot so they created a curtain drain there. Filter fabric and crushed stone will be added. It will be easier to clean and maintain. The catch basins will have a 2 foot wide bituminous apron around all sides. Some of the comments on the maintenance were re-establishing the elevation and the water bars during the winter season. A note was added that the wetlands agent shall be notified by the contractor prior to that maintenance. Adding a hooded outlet on the proposed catch basin so water on surface cannot be directed out. It will have a 4 foot sump to allow more storage of debris which will be cleaned out on an annual basis. Another addition is the material to be used to top off and be used to create the super elevation. Bob had copies of the new drainage calculations, which he went over with the board. Attorney Carey asked that anything presented to the board such as maps of abutting properties, need to be submitted with the application. Bob went through the rest of the additional notes to the plan. Some residents wanted a copy of the drainage calculations which Bob had several copies of. Much discussion took place with the audience members and at this point Attorney

Carey stated that this is not a public hearing and comments should not have been allowed. The primary concern of the neighbors is the maintenance of the road after it is complete and what will happen down the line to ensure that the maintenance is kept up in the future. Lester wondered if the property is transferred would the agreement stay with the current owner. Atty. Carey stated that according to State Statute whether the neighbors can agree or not, they are all going to have to chip in for the maintenance of the road. The Statute creates a common maintenance agreement and enforcing it would be up to the neighbors and Mr. Buckley. Atty. Carey asked how long the project will take to complete, and if the road would be open for the property owners to get to their homes. Bob stated between 3 to 5 weeks from start to finish, and it would be up to the contractor on how the project is done. Joe would like to go into more detail on the inspections. He would like it to say inspections will be held on a specific date, such April 1<sup>st</sup> in the spring and Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> after all the leaves fall, with the wetlands agent and the contractor. The board need not be present at this. Atty. Carey suggested putting a time limit on the project if granted and the approval make clear that this is part of the Wetlands Agent's original order. The approval should not be contingent with Public Act 14-67 that was cited. This approval and the order was directed to Mr. Buckley only and not the others that use the road. Mr. Buckley commented that there is still water coming off of the Town road and he was wondering if he should attend a Selectmen's meeting to discuss this. Joe said it would be a good idea. Dave made a motion to approve application IWC-16-02 with all current revisions shown on the revised plan dated 10-12-16, with the following conditions: 1) The work shall be done as is reasonably practical but no later than May 31, 2017 and all work is to be done to the satisfaction of the Wetlands Agent. 2) Bi-annual maintenance inspections are to be conducted the first week of April and the first week in November in any given year with the Wetlands Agent and contractor present. 3) The permit is being issued to obtain compliance with items 1 through 4 of the notice of violation letter issued on March 30, 2016. 4) Notwithstanding, reference note #6 on the approved plan the purpose of this permit is to abate violations noted in the March 30, 2016 notice of violation letter and is not intended to deal with any potential legal obligations of persons with rights to use the road other than Mr. Buckley, Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Thomas Sweet, Chairman