

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Town of Voluntown

November 1, 2012.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Tammy Daigneault, Lester Davis, Dave Miner, Thomas Sweet and Jarl Pellinen.

Members absent: John Moran and Eric Williams. Joe Theroux, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, was also present.

In the audience: Eric Seitz, Surveyor and Norm Thibeault, Engineer.

The minutes from the October meeting were read. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

First on the Agenda: Tom read a letter addressed to the commission from Jack Wesa, representing Ronald Frechette, granting the board another extension of his application. Letter is appended to these minutes.

Second on the Agenda: Scott Gibson, 774 Beach Pond Road. Norm Thibeault and Eric Seitz were representing Mr. Gibson, who was not present. Mr. Thibeault presented Mr. Gibson's site stabilization plan to the commission, stating that he had met with Joe Theroux and Mr. Gibson. They found water coming over the top about 75 feet back from the driveway and he recommended that he put a water bar there to prevent the water from coming onto the property. He had Mr. Gibson excavate out all the sediment that had gathered, and put a 4 inch pvc pipe in, then buried it in stone. It was suggested to Mr. Gibson that he doesn't tuck the bottom of the silt fence in, just trench it out, bury it 6 inches and fill in behind it. A modified rip rap swale will be constructed, 2 feet wide at the bottom, 2 to 1 side slopes and a foot deep. Total will be 6 feet wide with the capacity to hold a lot of water. Mr. Gibson is planning on building a single family home in the future. Once construction of the home is complete, and once the lawn is established, the system would be evaluated when it rains. Because this driveway will be coming off of Buckley Drive, which is a private gravel road, it would be in the best interests of all the homeowners there to come up with some sort of solution to deal with the water quality of all the water that goes down the road. There is evidence of erosion sedimentation before Mr. Gibson's property and when it gets to a low point at the catch basin there is an opportunity to generate sediment that will eventually get into the pond. At this time there is no defined mechanism to collect storm water off of this road. Mr. Thibeault also noticed that there are varying sizes of pipe under the driveways and along the driveways. Eric Seitz addressed the board at this time. Much discussion took place. Joe stated that it looks like a great design but he had some concerns about Mr. Gibson wanting to do the work himself, so he felt the commission should see some onsite supervision and weekly inspection reports of the work being done. This could be indicated on the plans. The driveway and the drainage system will need to be done first. Joe stated that if the commission approves the remediation plan, he would like to see a construction narrative by Mr. Thibeault explaining the sequence of what is being done with the driveway and sedimentation basins and not knowing the time frame for construction, he would like to see weekly or biweekly inspection reports. The board looked over the plans and after more discussion, the board felt it needed more time to look over the plans. Dave made a motion to continue the cease and desist order, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Lester made a motion to accept the plan for review and hold a special meeting on November 8th, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jarl made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman