

UNAPPROVED

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

November 6, 2014.

Present: Lester Davis, Eric Williams, John Moran, alternates Tammy Daigneault & Bob Panko. Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux was also present. Chairman Tom Sweet and Dave Miner were absent.

Minutes from the August 8th meeting were read. Lester made a motion to accept the minutes, John seconded it, all were in favor, minutes accepted.

New Business: Michael Schulze and James Lavoie, 68 Bennett Circle, application to replace a failed septic system. Copies of the plans were passed out to board members. The current system is a pump up system located across the road from the houses that are serviced by this, on the pond side of the road. Mike Schulze explained that a retaining wall will be built because the wall that is located by the tennis court is deteriorating and they want to move it back 12 feet. The grades that are listed on the plans will change and be modified. The septic system that is there now is an engineered system that is deteriorating due to water from the road washing down over it. It will be raised up 3 feet. It is not leaching properly and is running down the embankment and going into the common wells at the bottom of the hill. By putting the wall in and pitching back the gravel from the area of the retaining wall towards the road will help minimize the amount of ground water that will go into the septic system. The health department has given its ok to this, and the board state they would need to have a copy of the approval letter. Sometime in the spring, the Town will be doing road work to correct the drainage problems on the road. Joe asked if they had talked to the engineer about hitting ledge. As there is already a foundation there for the tennis court, they are certain that there is no ledge present. Silt fence and hay bales will be put up, which will have to be noted on the plans and Joe would like to see the new elevation plans. The board looked over the plans and discussion took place. Joe told the board that they could accept it as a regular application and render a decision next month or they could remand this application to him as the wetlands agent, and he could issue an approval in 15 days as opposed to waiting until next month. Either way the plans are going to be revised for silt fencing, and showing the actual grades/elevations. There was also the option of having a special meeting so the board could review the revised plans. Some board members will go out and look at the site on their own. John made a motion to give Joe the authority to initiate approval of the plans for James Lavoie upon receipt of the revised plans as discussed earlier. Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: It was noted that a previous applicant, Michael House, 215 Bennett Road, has stopped work on his property.

Correspondence: Joe presented the board with a membership renewal notice for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission, Inc. He recommended that the board renew this membership. A motion was made to renew the membership by John, Eric seconded the motion, all in favor.

Agent's Report: Joe reported that Scott Gibson, 775 Beach Pond Road, is now moving along with the project. He received a call from the foundation contractor and they have put in the forms and poured the foundation, with the intention of finishing this year. The contractor was concerned about the vegetation between the house site and the slope as he was having problems getting around with the excavator to do the back fill. Joe mentioned to him how important it was not to have any issues with the vegetation and where the power lines come in. The whole area around the house, 30 feet, needs to be stabilized for the winter. Joe will monitor the site to make sure hay bales and silt fencing is properly installed.

Joe reported that he sent a letter to the owners of 285 Rockville Road who have subdivided the property into another lot which was a free cut off of the existing property. There is a small batch of wetlands on the lot but Joe told them that they did not need a wetlands permit at this time because it is just a split and they are not proposing a residence at this time. He also issued a letter to Raina Spaziani, 164 Preston City Road saying that she did not need a wetlands permit since everything is outside of the 100 foot upland review area. She is planning on having a farmer's market and field auction on the property.

Lester made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Eric Williams, Acting Chairman