

**INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION  
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN**

December 9, 2010.

Members present were Thomas Sweet, Chairman, Eric Williams, Lester Davis, John Moran and Joseph Theroux, Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

The reading of the minutes from the last meeting were held off until one more member arrived to have a quorum. John Moran arrived shortly after.

First on the Agenda: Philip Belisle presented a plan to build a concrete retaining wall along his waterfront property at 14 Beachview Rd. Ext. He is planning on tying into his neighbor's wall and has already put up silt fencing. The board looked over the plans and discussion took place. The water is down about 15 to 20 feet in the front of his property. In front of the neighbor's wall it drops down and is only 3 or 4 feet out. It will be difficult to get a machine down there and then over to his landing. The Board was asked if they had any questions after they looked over the plans. Joe mentioned that he had gone out and looked over the site and he did not see any issues. Lester made a motion to accept Phil Belisle's plan to build a retaining wall at 14 Beachview Road Ext., John seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

The minutes from the October meeting were read. Eric made a motion to accept the minutes as read, John seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Second on the agenda was a report from the Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Joe Theroux. Joe reported that he did an agent approval for Ward Thomas of 4 Beachview Rd. Mr. Thomas wanted to rebuild a portion of the stone wall adjacent to the water. He also wanted permission to jackhammer a part of the beach defenses that he had built there and wants to put a shed in the yard, all of which are within 75 feet of the water. Joe submitted a copy of his approval letter and a copy of the ad that the applicant had to take out in case an adjacent property owner or someone wanted to appeal. Joe presented the Board with a draft of the regulations that he had drawn up. He mentioned that they were based on the 2006 DEP model regs, with a few changes. These are the regs. he uses in the Town of Chaplin. Joe explained to the Board that they would have to have a public hearing to adopt the new regs. The public hearing, which has to be published in the newspaper, could take place before a regularly scheduled Wetlands meeting and then vote on it at that meeting. The purpose of a public hearing, is to receive written and verbal comments from the public, either for or against, and then when the meeting is closed, the Board discusses what was brought up and then votes on it. If anything is changed, another public hearing has to be held. There will be a meeting next month to further discuss this matter.

**New Business. The Board voted to change the meeting dates for 2011 from the second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of the month when there is an agenda. The time of 7:30 will stay the same as before. John made the motion, Eric seconded the motion, all were in favor, so carried.**

**A motion was made by John to adjourn the meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Thomas Sweet, Chairman**