

Inland/Wetlands Commission
Town of Voluntown

March 1, 2012.

Members present were Thomas Sweet, John Moran, Jarl Pellinen, and Eric Williams. David Miner was absent. Also in attendance were alternates Lester Davis & Tammy Daigneault. Joe Theroux, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. The minutes from the December, 2011 meeting were read and approved with one correction. At the end of the fourth paragraph, add "for property at 460 Wylie School Road".

Appointment of Chairman. This was tabled from the December meeting. Eric nominated Tom Sweet as Chairman, John seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations at this time. All were in favor of Tom Sweet remaining Chairman of the Inland/Wetlands Commission.

1st on the agenda is Bob Schuch from Boundaries with a plan modification for 156 North Shore Road, owned by Robert and Diane Sansone. This is a modification of a previously granted permit from 2010, applied for by the previous owners. The plan includes removing an existing house which is in disrepair, and constructing a new house in the same location, with changes to the proposed septic systems. The deck for the new house will be back further from the water. There will be minor revisions to the septic system; it will have to be designed for a two bedroom house. The system will be shifted toward the neighboring property line because of the size with the garage. The driveway will be regraded. Mr. Schuch presented an approval letter from Uncas Health District on the revised plan. The only change with the system is the placement of the septic tank. Lester asked how many feet the system will be east toward the property line. The plan showed where the curtain drain will be because of the wet areas and stated that the system will be moved 16 feet to the property line. It was noted that the footing drains will go around the crawlspace of the house, and there will be an outlet to it off the back of the house. Joe asked if there will be a continuous line of silt fence below the site. Mr. Schuch stated that yes there will be. The Board looked over the plans and discussion took place. As for a time frame for the construction, there is no definite date, because the Sansone's still have to meet with the architect. The footprint of the house will be bigger than the original house. One of the reasons why they shifted the system over was they have to maintain the 25 feet to the footing drain adjacent to a septic system. The Board had no more questions. John made a motion to accept the revised plan for 156 North Shore Road, to remove the existing house and construct a new house in same location with changes to the proposed septic system, with the condition that Joe Theroux is to be notified before they start to make sure the silt fence is in place. Eric made a motion to accept the application, all were in favor, motion carried.

2nd on the agenda is Jim MacBride, representing the Voluntown Peace Trust at 539 Beach Pond Road. The plan is to replace an existing walk bridge by placing two 30"

diameter concrete reinforced pipe, 4' tall as abutments on either side of Bliven Brook to support a 16' span. Mr. MacBride gave the Board a little of the history of the Peace Trust and presented pictures of the existing bridge. There are two foot bridges on the property. One was replaced about 6 years ago. He had a rough sketch of the brook and where the bridge will be. He is hoping to minimize any impact to the stream and the wetlands in general by keeping the pipe in the bank. Joe mentioned that he reviewed the site and the water is always running. Because of the winding stream, there is almost no good spot for the abutments. No matter where it goes, it will get hit by water. The way the plan is drawn up, based by being on site, it is the best design. The only other thing to do is to armor the one abutment that would actually be in the brook, and taking most of the flow of water, with some rip rap or flat rock so that it dissipates it but not undermine it. It is a good design and there is good access to the remaining property. There will be no digging in the stream bed. There will be 3 feet between the bridge bottom and the stream. John made a motion to accept the design of the concrete structures with the condition that he should talk to Peter Zvingilas, Building & Zoning Official, on the design of the bridge. Joe will oversee the project also. Joe also suggested to put staked hay bales downstream of the project should the flow of water increase. Eric seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by the Board to waive the Town application fee because of the non-profit status of the Peace Trust.

Old Business. Joe had the revised draft of the Wetlands Regulations. He revised the fee schedule to include the application fee of \$90.00 instead of \$125.00. The last change was the upland review areas. The Board talked about having a 100 foot upland review area for all wetlands and watercourses, 200 feet upland review area on Beach Pond because it is an important water supply and include a modifier when dealing with significant slopes. The upland review area could be pushed further back if necessary. Those were the only changes from the last draft the Board had. Joe asked if there were any concerns or questions the Board may have. He stated that if everyone is satisfied with how the draft is documented, the next step would be to schedule a public hearing. The Board discussed dates and time constraints on when the hearing could be held. The Board voted to tentatively set the hearing for April 5th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by John, seconded by Eric, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman