

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
MARCH 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present were regular members Lester Davis, David Miner, Andrew McLallen, and alternates Bob Panko & Tammy Daigneault. Absent were John Moran and Chairman Tom Sweet. Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux was also present.

Dave Miner, acting as chairman in Tom Sweet's absence.

In the audience were Mr. Buckley, Dan Evans & Emery Gluck from DEEP Forestry Division, Joseph Boucher and Carl Grenier.

Lester made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting, Andy seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

CT DEEP Division of Forestry Presentation: Dan Evans and Emery Gluck gave a presentation on goals for Glasgo, Green Falls and Wickaboxet forest reserve management plan. Their goal is to promote upland eco systems, promote a healthy and sustainable forest and maintain the integrity of the forest aquatic system. They will give the plan to the commission sometime in April for their feedback on whether or not these are reasonable goals and to rate the goals in order of importance. They talked about land management and ways to preserve the forest such as clear cutting and burning for regrowth. The board thanked them for the presentation. They had brochures if anyone was interested.

New Business: **A.** Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (Buckley vs. Town of Voluntown IWWC Docket # KNL-CV 16-6027572 S), and **B.** Consider and act on proposal to settle pending litigation (Buckley vs. Town of Voluntown IWWC Docket #KNL-CV 16-6027572 S). Joe talked to Attorney Carey and at this time because Attorney Carey and Mr. Buckley's attorney are going back and forth on how to handle this, the board agreed to table this agenda item until next month's meeting.

Application IW-17-01 – Andrew & Devan Keuttner, Beach Pond Rd., and Noah's Ark Rd., construction of a single family residence. Joseph Boucher from Towne Engineering, Inc. presented the board with plans for a single family seasonal family home. There is 405 feet of frontage on Beach Pond. The Douglas cemetery is on Noah's Ark Rd. and is maintained by people from Rhode Island. The driveway will be off of Route 165. They have approval by Uncas Health for the septic and well. The lands slopes down toward the pond. The soil scientist delineated the wetlands on the plans. The only work being done in upland review area or the wetlands itself will be a walking path down the hillside to the pond. The area where the path is very rocky so that would need to be smoothed out and they would like to put a floating dock in.

All other site work will be outside the regulated areas. The path will be dirt and won't be staked out. There are wetlands flags out and the property corners were set. Joe asked if it would be possible to flag where the path will be, so when a site walk is done they would have some sort of idea where the path would be. The board looked over the plans. Several members of the board will do a site walk and Mr. Boucher asked them to give him a week to flag the path Andrew made a motion to accept Application IW-17-01, Andrew and Devan Keuttner, construction of a single family home, Beach Pond Rd. and Noah's Ark Rd., Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Agent's Report: Carl Grenier, 333 Pendleton Hill Rd., driveway construction within wetlands. Joe reported that he sent a letter to Mr. Grenier stating that the commission is still waiting for an application and a site plan for the work he is doing. Currently Mr. Grenier is talking to one engineering firm. There is no application or site plan as of this time. Mr. Grenier explained to the board what is going on so far but he has nothing definite to show the board. Lester stated that since he has already engaged an engineer, he has no problem extending this for another month. Lester made a motion to allow Mr. Grenier to come back to the board next month and give them an update on the progress of his application, Andrew seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Miner
Acting Chairman