

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN  
MARCH 7, 2016

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

Members present were Chairman, Tom Sweet, Dave Miner, John Moran, Lester Davis and Andrew McLallen, and alternate Bob Panko. Alternate Tammy Daigneault was absent. Also present were Joseph Theroux, Voluntown Wetlands Agent and Town Attorney Michael Carey.

Audience members were Phil Belisle, Monique Belisle, Cindy Lombardo, Michael House and Bob DeLuca from CLA Engineers.

The minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were read. Lester made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. Change iwc-app-01-16 to read iwc-app-16-01. Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. John made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Show Cause Hearing:** Chairman Tom Sweet opened up the show cause hearing, notice of violation, Mr. Robert Buckley, 221 Bennett Road. Tom read a letter from Attorney Heller who is representing Mr. Buckley. Attorney Heller stated in the letter that he will be unable to attend both the April and May meetings as he will be out of the state. He is requesting that the board continue with the hearing as scheduled and then continue the same at the meeting in June. He went on to say that he would be available the second week in May and that he would like to be contacted if a special meeting will be held. Tom read another letter, from Brian Murphy, who is a biologist from DEEP, regarding Buckley Drive and the runoff from the road into Beach Pond. He visited the site on March 30<sup>th</sup>. He is responding to Joe's letter of March 15<sup>th</sup> stating that despite numerous requests to Mr. Buckley to submit an application and site plan showing improvements to the driveway and drainage system, Mr. Buckley has not come forth with such a plan. The Board will be issuing Mr. Buckley a formal notice of violation. The Commission is also looking to require Mr. Buckley to remove significant amounts of sediment that has already gone into the pond, and this activity would require DEEP approval. Joe is asking Brian for an inspection of the discharge site and what he would recommend to fix the problem. In his letter to Joe, Mr. Murphy stated that he felt it important to collect the silt and sediment coming off of Buckley Drive through the installation of an engineered stormwater drainage collection system before it goes into the pond. As for removing the sediment and silt from the pond by excavation, he suggested, that to minimize impact, the sediment removal should be done when the water level has been lowered, preferably during a scheduled winter drawdown. Beach Pond is eligible to be lowered for the 2016/2017 winter. Attorney Carey recommended continuing this to the next regularly scheduled meeting and he will talk to Attorney Heller and once he has some dates they could hold a special meeting. Dave was concerned if whether or not Mr. Buckley was continuing to maintain the catch basin. Joe said that when he went down with Brian Murphy on March 30<sup>th</sup> the sump and basin was half full. John made a motion to continue until the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, so moved. Attorney Carey stated that there should be no discussion on the matter under Commission Discussion.

Additions to the Agenda. Lester made a motion to add Michael House, 215 Bennett Rd., to the agenda, Andrew seconded the motion, all in favor, so moved.

**Citizens Comments.** None.

**Old Business.** Application 16-01, Town of Voluntown, Public Works Garage. Bob DeLuca from CLA Engineers, representing the Town. He brought plans with some minor changes on them which he gave to the board to look at. Since the approval for the bus parking lot and fencing a few years back, the Town has received another STEAP Grant and went forward with the next phase of the project which is a 6,000 sq. ft. public works garage. In the beginning when the area was being prepped for this, a sedimentation pond was put in for drainage purposes. Now because everything has shifted around and there will be a section for a future salt shed, the sedimentation pond needs to be moved to the back. Bob basically went over the same information that was presented at last month's meeting. There will be a flood drain running down the center of the building and the floor will be pitched in the middle. Water and oil will be collected in a pipe system that will go out into an oil/water separator which will go into a holding tank, which has to be approved by DEEP. It is a vehicle waste water drain and needs to be registered. At the time of construction it will be inspected by an engineer and signed off by a local treatment plant that states they will receive the waste. Joe was wondering if the trucks would be washed there. Bob said that typically there would be undercarriage washing to get the salt and sand off from underneath the trucks to prevent rust and rot. John asked Bob if he had heard of state mandated wash bays that a few towns have put in and thought if there was such a mandate maybe it could be written into the plans. Bob has not heard of such a mandate. The Town has received approval from Uncas Health which he gave Joe a copy of. The well location was moved away from the fuel tank and salt storage. Another thing was Uncas wanted to make sure they submitted to DEEP for the holding tank. All this needs to be on the plans before they will sign off on the septic system. Lester asked about the future salt shed and what the membrane requirements are around it. It hasn't been designed yet, and Bob was not sure how it would be set up. It has been done with concrete then a membrane on top then pavement on top of the membrane. There is a concern about spillage going in and out of the area. He will see how far the State goes with the membrane around their salt sheds. The well has been moved, the propane tank was moved and the generator was moved. The fence will go all the way around the site. Joe stated that he would like to see silt fence backed by staked hay bales revised on the plans because of the proximity to the wetlands. After going over the plans and some discussion, Dave made a motion to approve IWC-01-16, Public Works Garage, Town of Voluntown, with the revision of the e & s measures on the east side with silt fence and staked hay bales, John seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Joe will get a revised copy when they are ready.

**New Business.** IWC-16-02. Addition to the agenda. 215 Bennett Road, Michael House. Mr. House came before the board last year to get a permit to stabilize the site that he was clearing and grading. They are ready to build so he brought a site plan in for the board. The plan is for a house, foundation, septic and well, and a 4x12 removable dock. The shed had already been approved at a previous meeting. The driveway will be crushed stone. The board looked over the plans and there was some discussion. Joe stated that his primary concern with this is Buckley Drive and the way the road is pitched how much water is going to come off onto the property. Mr. House stated he hasn't had a problem with that since the road is banked and any water stays on the other side of the road. Joe is worried about the grading on the northern side of the property, so he would like to see a letter or e-mail from CLA Engineers stating he reviewed the drainage plan and he sees no issues. Provided that e & s measures such as silt fence and hay bales are in place and maintained properly there should be no impact to the pond. Dave made a motion to accept the plans and remand application iwc-16-02 to Joe for an Agent's approval pending a letter from CLA engineers about the drainage plan, that e and s measures, such as silt fence and hay bales are in place and maintained properly, and the location of dock is indicated on the plans, John seconded the motion, all in favor, so moved.

**Agent's Report.** Joe reported that he was contacted by Mr. Labossiere. He has made a permit to DEEP in regards to repairing the spillway at the dam on Stillwater pond. The water is still low and it will have to be lowered even further. Joe read a letter from Mr. Labossiere requesting the wetlands commission allow him to proceed with repairs to the dam. Joe will talk to DEEP to confirm. Joe has not heard anything about 55 Bennett Circle, the people that wanted to do brush cutting. He hasn't any plans as of yet.

**Correspondence.** Tom received a courtesy letter pertaining to a solar project being done in Griswold which he read to the board.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Thomas Sweet, Chairman