

INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

July 9, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Members present were Chairman Tom Sweet, Lester Davis, John Moran & Carl Grenier. Members Eric Williams & David Miner were absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Carl seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

First on the agenda was Jeff Hampton, 837 Ekonk Hill Road. Mr. Hampton's application states that he wants to clear 26,100 sq. ft. of trees from his property. After the trees are cut down he will pull out the stumps and deposit in wet lands area to promote wildlife habitat. He is also proposing to dig a 28 x 40 farm pond, 3 to 4 feet deep. The proposed farm pond will not be in wetlands area. Peter Zvingilas, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, had gone to Mr. Hampton's property on a complaint from a neighbor. Mr. Zvingilas verbally asked Mr. Hampton to stop digging around in the wetlands and suggested that he appear before the Wetlands Board. Lester mentioned to Mr. Hampton that there are limits on what can be taken out of wetlands and suggested that he get in touch with a forester from the State of Connecticut DEP for a guideline. Mr. Hampton was asked what he was planning on cutting trees for. He explained that it was for firewood, and the Board stated that he could harvest trees for the purpose of firewood, but the stumps have to remain. Concerning the farm pond, Mr. Hampton stated that it is already a low lying area and water collects there and he would like to dig it deeper. Tom asked how far the area is from his septic system. Mr. Hampton stated it is 78 feet. Some discussion took place. The Board agreed that a letter will be written to Pete Zvingilas that it is not a permanent issue, it is perfectly acceptable to cut trees for firewood, and that he will leave the stumps in place. The Board would like a copy of the map for their files. Mr. Hampton will be using a bulldozer and cables to pull the trees out to cut them up. He will be in the upland area of the wetlands. The Board agreed that no permit is needed.

Second on the agenda is John Faulise for Bob Coleman, 811 Beach Pond Road. Mr. Coleman is proposing a 4 bedroom single family residence with associated well, septic system, grading, driveway and drainage improvements. Mr. Faulise presented the Board with an approval letter from Al Gosselin. Planning & Zoning approved a rear lot division. John showed the Board on the map where the driveway will be installed within the regulated area. There are a lot of boulders and surface rocks. The test pits and soil testing have been done. The building will be adjacent to a stream area that comes down from Rte. 165 and runs northeast to the pond. John showed the on the map how the stream runs. When it gets to the top of the hill the stream spreads out into several different water courses that run down the hill, where it joins a common watercourse. John showed the Board where the house would be constructed and explained that the septic will drain by gravity from underneath the slab to a tank in front of the house and then into a pump chamber located to the southeast. It will then be pumped up to the leach field. The leach

field will consist of 4 x 4 concrete galleys. The septic system is well away from the pond. John showed the Board where the proposed well will be. The water that will come down the driveway will be collected in rip rap swales on either side of the driveway. They are proposing a modular block retaining wall because of the slope, with a set of steps to access the pond. And back from that, another wall is proposed to create a flat spot down by the water. Sediment fence is proposed in construction area and adjacent to the wetland areas. Additional erosion protection is proposed if needed. Pete Zvingilas is overseeing all construction and if additional hay bales or silt fencing is needed, he will see to that. The site is all gravel and once it has been stabilized after construction, it will be like it is today. Any water that hits the ground will automatically go back into the ground. Carl asked if the driveway ends up being paved, will there be a problem with a large runoff problem. John stated that there are rip rap channels on both sides so there will not be a problem. The Board looked over the plans and discussion took place. John Moran made a motion to accept Bob Coleman's application to build a 4 bedroom home with associated well, septic, and driveway. Carl seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded, all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman