

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

July 5, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. Members present were Eric Williams, Lester Davis, Dave Miner & Jarl Pellinen. Also present were Joe Theroux, Wetlands Enforcement Officer and visitor Albert Dawley, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Absent were Chairman, Thomas Sweet, members John Moran and Tammy Daigneault.

The minutes from the June 7th meeting were read. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction. Add John Moran as being absent from previous meeting. Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report.

Joe updated the Board on the ongoing problem at 774 Pendleton Hill Rd. He has spoken with the Town Attorney, Mike Carey about the situation. Attorney Carey will issue Mr. Hoffa a standard form letter which will be served by a marshal. This is being done because Mr. Hoffa did not pick up the certified letter that was sent to him by the Board. Joe did finally talk to Mr. Hoffa and he asked him what was going on. Mr. Hoffa told Joe that he turned the whole thing over to John G. and he felt that it was up to him to make the application. Joe told him that it wasn't John G's problem, which it was up to him to continue with what he had started. It needs to be remediated. He needs to turn in the application and show how he intends to remediate the slope and then he will be done with the Board. Backing out was not an option. All previous correspondence has been with him. The commission does not want this to come back on the homeowner. He caused the problem and he has to fix it. Joe is not sure whom the Board will hear from if at all. After some discussion Lester made a motion to continue the cease and desist, Jarl seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Visitors.

Al Dawley was in the audience. He is the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission and he was there to find out about the Frechette property on 51 Beach Pond Rd. Mr. Frechette is planning on building a boat storage facility on the property. The original permit was approved in 2000. The original plan was to cross wetlands to access a rear lot to build shops and offices. Joe has been out to the site to check it out. The original wetlands permit issued in 2000 has now expired and Mr. Frechette needs to come back before the Wetlands Board if he is planning on doing anything at this time. Joe asked Mr. Dawley to let Mr. Frechette know what's what and if he wants to talk to him just give him a call. Al was concerned about the proposal of putting boat storage there, with all the oil and gas that could impact the wetlands. Al thanked the board for their time.

Old Business.

Joe mentioned to the Board about a problem on property at 775 Beach Pond Road. The slope is eroding down toward the pond. The owner of the property is Scott Gibson. The problem now is on the other side of the road, where there is a small house lot. He tore out the paved part of the road. There had been a complaint by Tammy Daigneault about 3 or 4 years ago, and Joe had the pictures from her of the area that is the problem. The board looked them over. There is silt fencing at the bottom of the driveway. Mr. Gibson cleared out an area and has dug down about 4 feet. He's down to the clay and the water is running down the road catching silt and sediment and picking up speed and going right through the house lot area. There is a small area of silt fence that has been there awhile and is basically useless. Joe inspected the area and before he talked to Mr. Gibson he wanted the board to be aware that it is still a problem that needs to be fixed. Joe told the board that if the owner is not receptive, he will send him a letter of violation. The board agreed to let Joe talk to Mr. Gibson and take the necessary steps to resolve this problem.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19.

Respectfully submitted:

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Eric Williams, Acting Chairman