

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Members present were Chairman Tom Sweet, Dave Miner, John Moran, Andrew McLallen, and alternate Tammy Daigneault. Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux was also present as was Town Attorney Mike Carey. Lester Davis and alternate Bob Panko was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Dave made a motion to approve the June 2nd meeting minutes, John seconded the motion, all in favor. Dave made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of June 8th, John seconded the motion, all in favor. The minutes from the May meeting could not be approved and were tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Grandolfi from Bennett Road was in the audience.

Agents Report: Joe reported that he attended the legislative update workshop from DEEP. He had some handouts for the board on different things that were discussed such as recent court cases that affect board rulings, copies of general statutes that were revised that affect wetlands, meeting notices and other highlights that affect wetlands. On line training to become a certified wetland commissioner starts soon and if anyone is interested to go online to the DEEP website. DEEP model regulations should be coming out in August so if the board is interested in changing the wetlands regulations, they could use them as a template. Definitions of meetings was discussed such as if any board members went on a site walk, it constitutes a meeting and needs to be posted and the public can attend. Any communications between board members regardless of the source, is a violation of FOI. Joe suggested that they take and look at the handouts he brought in.

Public Comments: Mr. Grandolfi wanted to let the Board know that at the last moderate storm a few weeks ago there was a significant amount of silt going into the pond. He had photos and videos and was not sure if he should wait to give them to the board. Attorney Carey suggested that Joe should have them for when the board goes forward with this order of violation. DEEP might like to see the photos also.

Dave made a motion to add to the agenda, an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential claims, Andrew seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried. John made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential claims, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Tammy recused herself from Executive Session. The board went into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Andrew seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman