

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
September 7, 2017

Members present were Chairman Tom Sweet, John Moran, Lester Davis, Dave Miner, Andy McIlalen, and alternate Tammy Daigneault. Alternate Bob Panko was absent. Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux was present also.

In the audience were Norm Thibeault, Carl Grenier, Al Daigneault and George Lucas.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Chairman Sweet.

Approval of Minutes: Andy made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Addition to Agenda: John made a motion to add George Lucas, 56 North Shore Road to the agenda, Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Old Business: IW-17-05. 333 Pendleton Hill Rd., Carl Grenier. Stabilization & reinforcement of driveway embankment & installation of a dry hydrant. Norman Thibeault was present to represent Mr. Grenier. Mr. Thibeault stated he addressed some of the questions and concerns that the commission had. On the plans he explained that the red lines shown on the plan was the driveway that was originally approved in 1995. The position of the stream crossing is in the same position of the original plan and the elevations are good. The shaded area was where Boundaries did some work there and they located a driveway that picks up the existing driveway before the crossing then comes back in a couple hundred feet after the crossing. The driveway shifted slightly since 2004 but it is still within the limit that was approved. There were concerns that the driveway crossed property lines but with information that Boundaries shared and their own survey they found that this was not the case. The silt fence has been extended past the stockpile which will have to be screened but can be used. The erosion control sheet that he wants to use is very sturdy and will take velocities up to 16 feet per second. The plans also called for running an electrical line to the rear of the property even though Mr. Grenier has no plans for it at this time, it would seem advantageous to do so, and to run the electrical conduit just below the

stream. It will be a minimal disturbance to lay the conduit down with the pole lines and restore the stream back to its original condition. There will be rip rap in the areas just before the bridge on the southern side where there is a good amount of erosion going on. There is no slope protection there. On the northern side of the bridge there will be rip rap also. He is also proposing a dry hydrant and Mr. Thibeault presented minutes from a 1994 wetlands meeting where there was a proposal by the Voluntown Fire Chief requested for some dry hydrants throughout the town, which the commission approved. The Fire Department would also have some input on this as it would benefit the Town and the Fire Department. Mr. Thibeault went over the details of the hydrant. The entire site is in the upland review area. There will be nothing done on the west side of the driveway but there will be slope work on the stream side due to irregularities in the grade. It was mentioned, and shown on the plan, that there is water running down along a trench and there was silt fence there at one time. Mr. Thibeault said that he would take a look. He did away with the fencing along the brook. John Moran recused himself from voting as he abuts Mr. Grenier's property. Dave made a motion to approve IWC-17-05 333 Pendleton Hill Rd. with the following conditions: (1) The Wetlands Agent is to be notified for the initial ens inspection, (2) The project engineer should oversee project and provide inspection reports, (3) The sensitive parts of the project should be done during the lowest water table, which includes the dry hydrant and the rip rapping of the stream, (4) Ens is to be shown on the west side of the driveway on the revised plan, (5) The Wetlands Agent is to be notified when the electrical and telephone trenching is to be done., Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Addition to the Agenda: 56 North Shore Rd. George Lucas. Mr. Lucas presented drawn plans for a 20 x 30 foot addition to his existing house. The board looked over the plans. Lester made a motion to accept the plans for 56 North Shore Rd., John seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: There was a letter from FEMA regarding map rates. There is a workshop the commission might be interested in on conservation.

Agent's Report: Joe reported that he received a call from the contractor doing work on 156 North Shore Rd. The property has a problem with the insulation that was put in the house. It didn't set right and the owners were concerned about chemicals in the air. Joe said that he would review the site and make a

determination. Joe asked the commission if they wanted the owners to come in and modify their permit. The commission felt that if they are going to demo the house they should come in and let the board know what they are doing and come in and modify their plan. Joe could do an agent approval on a modification. The board agreed that it would be best that they come in and speak with the board, and Joe will contact them.

Tammy mentioned that she has had people ask her if the State is going to lower Beach Pond this year. Joe talked to Scott Dawley and said the State would be receptive to a request to lower the pond as it hasn't been done for at least two years. It would be mid to late October it would happen. The Selectmen would have to request this from DEEP.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman