

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN  
SHOW CAUSE HEARING  
TOWN HALL

August 16, 2012.

Members present were Eric Williams, Lester Davis, Dave Miner & John Moran. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Joe Theroux was also present. Absent were Chairman Tom Sweet, Tammy Daigneault and Jarl Pellinen.

In the Audience: Mr. Scott Gibson.

Eric Williams opened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The reason for the show cause hearing is to address concerns over the grading and filling within wetlands on property at 775 Beach Pond Road owned by Scott Gibson. The board read over a letter that was sent by certified mail to Mr. Gibson. Joe explained to the Board that he conducted a site inspection on August 8<sup>th</sup> and observed several violations: Disturbance within wetlands and 100 foot upland review area adjacent to wetlands, failure to implement erosion and sedimentation control measures and failure to notify the Inland Wetlands Agent and submit an application to the Town of Voluntown Wetlands Commission for this regulated activity. Mr. Gibson was not aware of the wetlands adjacent to the building. Joe stated that a good portion of the property is wet but there is also an area that is hard to tell because it is very overgrown. Joe instructed him to stop work at that site but is allowing him to continue work on the lower half of the site, and not to dump anything in the wetland area. Mr. Gibson needs to have the wetlands delineated on a site map so he knows whether there are wetlands there or in the 100 foot upland review area. The area where he wants to put a house is directly behind the garage and is in the upland review area, so at some point he will need to come before the commission with an application. At the lower part of the site where there was some erosion, the sediment control measures that were put up are working well. At this point, Joe asked Mr. Gibson to come up before the board to explain what he is doing and let the commission look at the site plan that he brought with him.

Mr. Gibson showed on the plan where he would like to build 2 houses. He has talked to a surveyor, Eric Seitz, to prepare a new site plan but he needs to get a soil scientist to check for wetlands first, and have them flagged on the site plan. Eric mentioned that the board should walk the site, all agreed. After much discussion, Dave made a motion to continue the cease and desist order for the upper part of Mr. Gibson's property and will wait until the meeting in September to allow Mr. Gibson to get a soil scientist and prepare a site plan with wetlands flagged. Lester seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Eric made a motion to adjourn, John seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Eric Williams, Acting Chairman

