

**INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
SPECIAL MEETING**

October 7, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Members present were Tom Sweet, Dave Miner, Eric Williams, & John Moran. Also in attendance was Joseph Theroux.

The minutes from the special meeting on August 26th were read. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as read, John seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

First on the agenda is Charles River Labs/SPAFAS. Chuck Mandell brought the plans before the Wetlands Board. Also in attendance is John Sabrowski from SPAFAS. Mr. Mandell thanked the Board members for holding the special meeting so that Charles River Labs could get wetlands approval before they go back before the Planning & Zoning Commission. What is being proposed is three new buildings to be built in the future and one in the front that will be built now. It will run perpendicular to the existing buildings, and there is a pond behind the building that is slated to be filled in. The closest the wetlands are to the edge of the drive is about 170 feet away from the wetland boundary. The wetlands were flagged by Bob Russo, a soil scientist from CLA Engineers, and the soil testing was done by Al Gosselin from the Uncas Health District. There is adequate soil to support the septic on the lot but they will be back with a revised plan once they have the building plans set. It was in the major development district but has since been rezoned rural, and if you have a specialized agricultural building in the rural district there has to be a public hearing with Planning & Zoning. That meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13th. There will be no activity in the wetlands area since the building was changed. The three buildings will come before the board at a later date. The board looked over the plans and discussion took place. At this time, board member John Moran recused himself from voting, due to a conflict of interest. Dave made the motion to accept Charles River Laboratories plans to construct a specialized agricultural building and associated outbuildings at 425 Pendleton Hill Road, Eric seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Second on the agenda is Philip Belisle with property at 14 Beachview Road Ext. He wanted to repair and upgrade the existing septic system, but Al Gosselin recommended that a new tank and engineered system be installed, which has been approved by Uncas Health. He would like to take the existing structure and move it into the center of the lot, and he will have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for that. He presented pictures for the Board to look over. He would also like to upgrade the waterfront wall and put in concrete steps, since the pond is being lowered. He would like to repair the wall before he goes ahead with the septic system. The board looked over the plans and discussion took place. Joe Theroux recommended that he come back next month with a plan for the construction of the wall. Dave made a motion to approve Phil Belisles's plans to repair

and upgrade present septic system, and also remove and replace existing structure at 14 Beachview Road Ext. John seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business. Joe reported to the board that he met with Ron Millovitsch and Paul McGuire to go over an itemized list of what the DEP Safety Unit suggested be done to the dam on Paul McGuire's property. There was damage to the dam due to the flooding in April and Paul did not receive any Federal assistance to help with the cost of these repairs. Parts of the dam has to be reinforced with rip-rap, and draw the water down and reline the area like he has done in the past. Brush needs to be cleared out and pine trees need to be removed. The gate on the dam needs to be repaired also.

New Business. Because of a conflict in the dates that the meetings are held in conjunction with the Planning & Zoning Commission meetings, the Board voted to hold the Wetlands meetings on the first Thursday of the month instead of the second Thursday. That way, residents can get Wetlands approval before appearing before the Planning & Zoning Board. Eric made a motion to change the meeting dates from the second Thursday of each month to the first Thursday of each month. Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman