

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
APRIL 4, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sweet at 7:30 p.m.

Regular members present were Dave Miner, Lester Davis, Chris Chabot and Tom Sweet. Absent were Andy McLallen and alternates Bob Panko and Tammy Daigneault. Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux was in attendance also.

Audience of Citizens were Chris Witham, Max Hollowell and Mr. & Mrs. House.

A motion was made and seconded to add 41 Bennett Circle and the approval of minutes from the November, 2018 meeting to the agenda.

Dave made a motion to accept the November 1, 2018 minutes as read, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2018 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: 41 Bennett Circle. Chris Witham would like to do work in the upland review area of his property. His property is on Beach Pond and he would like to work on his retaining wall and grading in the yard that is adjacent to the pond as well. There is also a place where a boat can dock next to the retaining wall and when the pond is lowered, he would like to clean out the rocks that have accumulated in there so the boat can be docked without any trouble. Mr. Witham brought pictures of the property. There is a small deck where the water is washing out underneath and he is afraid that it will affect the sona tubes, so he would like to build a two-tiered retaining wall about 2 feet tall to try and stop this from happening. A mini excavator will be used and to get it down there he needs to build a pad close to the water. There are trees there he would like to save. In the front of the property he has a two-foot existing wall and stairs that he would like to redo with the same stone he is using for the wall. He showed where the silt fencing would go. The board looked at the pictures Chris had as he explained what the plan was. Lester stated that he wasn't satisfied with the drawings, they really weren't very clear. He would like to see it drawn out with more detail. Board members stated that they would like to look at the property. Joe suggested showing the foot print of the house, what the grade is in the front yard, where the access road is located, distance between water and wall and the activity down there, the scale and the position of the walls. The board recommended he get the plan together, give Joe a call and have him look it over. Dave made a motion to accept the plans for 41 Bennett Circle with the conditions stated, Chris seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Agent's Report: Joe mentioned a small erosion problem over on Brown Rd. The foundation was started about a month ago and the foundation was full of muddy water so the contractor dug a

trench all the way out of the woods into the cornfield and now all the water has run down onto Brown Rd. into the catch basin and then into a field across the road. He told the contractor to dig a sediment trap in the field and put hay bales in there, so it's doing a pretty good job of keeping the water out but then there was another complaint. Joe might have to ask them to stop until the water dries up a bit. Also, there may be a wetlands violation on 243 Rockville Rd. The property owners built a good-sized carriage shed behind house without a permit. Joe will be going out there tomorrow so at the next meeting there might be a show cause hearing. Also, next month there could be a subdivision application on 280 Shetucket Tpke. Possibly an 8-acre split off a piece owned by Tao Labossiere's sister. Talked with surveyors already. Joe needs to do the spring inspection on Buckley Drive. There have been no complaints. Joe still must meet with road crew about the Sandhill Rd. issue.

Max Hollowell, 194 Bennett Rd. talked with the board. He dropped off a full set of engineering plans and some site survey work. He wants to put in a culvert with a 2-foot corrugated pipe for safe access of the back of his property. It would be in line with the neighbor's culvert. Joe gave him an application to fill out and will bring it back next month.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman