

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
JUNE 6, 2019

Members present: Chairman Tom Sweet, Andy McLallen, Lester Davis and Dave Miner, and alternate Bob Panko. Absent were regular member Chris Chabot and alternate Tammy Daigneault.

Audience members: Mr. & Mrs. Grandolfi, Mr. & Mrs. House, Lynne Dadonna, Mr. Petrone and Steve Dias.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded to add 831 Beach Pond Rd. retaining wall, to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Andy made a motion to accept the December 6, 2018 minutes, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Lester made a motion to accept the May 2, 2019 minutes, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: 41 Bennett Circle, Mr. Chris Witham, retaining wall. Mr. Witham was not present, but Joe had the revised plans that were drawn up by Boundaries with the revisions the Board asked for. The board looked them over and Lester made a motion to approve the application for a retaining wall at 41 Bennett Rd., Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

194 Bennett Rd. Max Hallowell, stream crossing. Mr. Hallowell was not present. The board looked over the plans. Joe mentioned that he would like to see more erosion control measures on the southern side. Dave made a motion to approve with the conditions Mr. Hallowell show silt fence on the southwest side of the property, Lester seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

243 Rockville Rd. Lynne Dadona, Wetlands Violation. Joe had photos of the area which he passed out to the board. Dave and Lester visited the site last week and observed an area that had been wetlands, the trees had been removed, and two to four inches of stone put over the topsoil. There was a drain pipe and a culvert

put in. That was on one side of the brook. On the house side there was a newly constructed barn that encroached on the wetlands. Joe stated that when he was at the site, he observed as he measured, that the area is irregularly shaped but there is at least 4,000 to 6,000 square feet of disturbance. Where all the stone was put in there is a secondary watercourse behind the one that is culverted which got buried and Mr. Petrone tried to take care of that water with a 4-inch pipe. At this point the options the board has is to have Mr. Petrone come in after the fact to get an application for what he has done, which is a construction of a barn in the upland review area and the square footage of the disturbance and they can either use to permit or deny it. Second, he could do the same application but remediate the filled wetlands, such as removing the 2 to 4 inches of fill, reseed it and allow vegetation to come back. The next option would be to allow him to have a paddock area for the horse in the filled wetlands, take a portion out and leave a portion in for the horse. Section 4 of the Wetlands regs allows permitted uses for agricultural activities. Either way he will have to do an after the fact application for the barn and the disturbance of wetlands. He needs a site plan showing the square footage of wetlands being disturbed. The board agreed that more of the members should visit the site to get a better idea of what it looks like. Erosion control measures need to be on the site plan also. Joe will send him a letter explaining what the board wants to see on the application and site plan. He also needs to hire a soil scientist to come out and flag where the wetlands are.

New Business: 831 Beach Pond Rd. Steve Dias, retaining wall. Mr. Dias showed photos of the area and what it looks like. His intention is to cap the existing wall and put in pavers. They will be taking down the stairs which are rotted out, and putting in a stairwell with railings, to make it a safer and permanent way down to the pond. The board requested that hay bales or silt fence be used during construction. Joe will send them a letter and a notice which they will have to put in the paper. Lester made a motion to remand the application of 831 Beach Pond Rd. to the Wetlands Agent for an agent's approval, Dave seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Agent's Report: 18 James Rd. Mr. Magario is building a house in wetlands. Joe met with Mike Magario and gave him an application to submit to the board. 207 Congdon Rd. are putting in a new septic system and the health dept. signed off on it. Joe gave them an application, they filled it out and gave it to him. He was going to do an agent approval on it, but he didn't have a site plan yet. Al Gosselin will

send him a copy. Buckley Drive, Joe mentioned he had spoken to Mr. Buckley and he had given him a copy of the last site inspection of the drainage system. There were some sticks in the catch basin. There was two to three inches of sediment in different bays of the rip rap swale. It's working but its not a perfect system. It is still discharging turbid water. Due to an ongoing lawsuit, Joe spent several hours in an Attorney's office giving deposition regarding this matter. The Attorney showed him a video made by Mr. Grandolfi showing him sampling water from the various catch basins and there was definitely turbid water coming through. You can see a cloud of water. Mr. Grandolfi showed the board some photos of the sediment going into the pond. Due to pending litigation the residents have been advised by counsel on what to say and not to say, but at every rainy event there is still sediment going into the water. Board looked at the photos. Joe would like to look into it, maybe contact DEEP storm water.

Lester made a motion to adjourn, Andy seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas Sweet, Chairman