

**SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**(IWCC)**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 8, 2013**

**7:30 PM**

**Present:** E. Belt, S. Snyder, R. Phillips, F. Abetti, E. Natoli, L. Wildrick, G. Balavender Alt

**Absent:** D. Khan-Bureau, W. Leuck, Vacancy Alt.

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**M/S/C (Wildrick /Natoli) to seat G. Balavender for D. Khan-Bureau.**

**Vote: Unanimously Approved**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **None**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **March 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

**M/S/C (Natoli/Belt) to approve the March 11, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimously Approved**

**WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

E. Belt updated the members on complaints of 1 New London Road. He stated he received 2 complaints of trash blowing around and overflowing trash cans. He will follow up with the owner.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. IWCC # 13-02-01, 215 Hartford Road-Filling A Wetland**

The Commission reviewed the application and stated it was minor fill in a low lying area which now has grass growing in it.

**M/S/C (Natoli/Wildrick) to approve application IWCC # 13-02-01 215 Hartford Road. Vote: Unanimously Approved**

**2. AR # 13-03-01- 56 Gungy Road, Removal of Downed Tree in a Pond**

The applicant informed the members of the number of trees that have fallen in his yard due to the recent storms. He stated one fell in the pond. There was also debris from the storms impeding the flow of water to a culvert. He was looking to cut the tree up so he can remove it from the pond and to also clear out the culvert.

The members thought the activity was a maintenance activity, therefore an as of right activity.

**M/S/C (Natoli/Abetti) to approve for as of right activities and should be allowed. Vote: Approved. In favor-Abetti, Snyder, Balavender, Wildrick, Phillips. Abstaining-Belt**

**3. APZ Review**

E. Belt showed on the map of Salem the two main 50-100 foot aquifers. He stated one is well protected and is in a protected agricultural area and the other is near Gardner Lake in a mostly residential area. E. Belt stated that he thought 250 ft. from the 0-50 foot area around the two aquifers was a reasonable distance to protect. He stated the areas of protection should follow property lines or something easy for residents to follow.

E. Belt will print a map for the members to mark up

E. Belt, S. Snyder, and E. Natoli will meet to refine the map.

## NEW BUSINESS

**1. Discuss Authorization for E. Belt to Issue/Approve Buffer Permits**

IWCC can authorize the WEO to issue permits for activities in the upland review. E. Belt is a certified WEO.

**M/S/C (Phillips/Natoli) to appoint E. Belt as a temporary WEO to approve buffer permits that do not require the action of the full Commission. Vote: Approved. In favor-Abetti, Snyder, Balavender, Wildrick, Phillips. Abstaining-Belt**

**2. Discuss Adding Public Comments to the Agenda**

S. Snyder asked the members what they thought of adding a Public Comment section to the agenda. The members discussed the pros and cons of adding it to the agenda. They decided they would like more time to think about it.

**M/S/C (Phillips/Wildrick) to table discussion of adding a Public Comment section until next month. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**3. Discuss Preparation for a Site Walk, Purpose of a Site Walk, and what is Allowed**

S. Snyder handed out a document from DEEP titled, "The Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act: MUNICIPAL INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY SITE WALKS FOR PROPOSED PERMIT APPLICATIONS", (See File Copy)

The members thought the document was very good and should be reviewed before each site walk so they can determine what kind of site walk they should conduct. Also discussed was buying an iPod Touch for the GPS and other mapping aspects.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Town of Montville referral  
ARC User  
ESRI  
Aquarian

**CRITIQUE**

The members thought the use of maps and GIS system on the projector were very helpful.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/S/C (Phillips/Natoli) to adjourn at 9:00. Vote: Approved Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED