

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(IWCC)

SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2013

7:30 PM

Present: S. Snyder, E. Belt, E. Natoli, R. Phillips, W. Leuck, G. Balavender, Alt, F. Abetti, Alt, M. Chinatti-WEO

Absent: D. Khan-Bureau, L. Wildrick, Vacancy Alt.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

M/S/C (Belt/Natoli) to seat F. Abetti for L. Wildrick. Vote: Unanimously Approved

M/S/C (Natoli/Leuck) to seat G. Balavender for D. Khan Bureau. Vote: Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC HEARING

1. IWCC Regulations Changes/Amendments

S. Snyder opened the Public Hearing and explained that most of the changes to the regulations were clerical in nature, i.e., changing DEP to DEEP.

There was no Public Comment

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) to close the Public Hearing. Vote: Unanimously Approved

M/S/C (Natoli/Belt) to accept amendments to the regulations as proposed. Vote: Unanimously Approved

M/S/C (Natoli/Leuck) to have the effective date of the regulations as March 15, 2013. Vote: Unanimously Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. January 14, 2013 Minutes

M/S/C (Balavender/Natoli) to approve the January 14, 2013 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In favor- Snyder, Belt, Natoli, Balavender, Phillips, W. Leuck. Opposed-none. Abstaining- Abetti,

2. February 2, 2013 Site Walk

M/S/C (Leuck/Natoli) to accept the February 2, 2013 Site Walk minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In favor-Snyder, Natoli, Phillips, Leuck. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Balavender, Belt, Abetti.

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

S. Snyder read a letter of resignation from M. Chinatti. The Commission thanked her for her years of service and wished her well.

M. Chinatti submitted her report, (See File Copy)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 1 New London Rd.-Cease and Desist Order/Show Cause Hearing for trash/debris within the wetlands and the 75' upland review area of a wetland/watercourse

D. Bok of B&D Realty, owners of the Salem Town Center shopping plaza submitted a maintenance plan. They stated that once the snow melts they will be doing an extensive cleanup of the area. They have posted signs prohibiting illegal dumping and plan on picking up garbage twice a week.

The Commission added to the agreement that three garbage cans be purchased and put out in front of the establishments that serve food.

The Commission expressed concern that this is the third cease and desist order against the property.

M/S/C (Phillips/Leuck) to accept the maintenance agreement with the stipulation the owner add three garbage cans to be emptied twice a week. Vote: Unanimously Approved

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) to close the Show Cause Hearing. Vote: Unanimously Approved

- 2. 215 Hartford Road-Cease and Desist Order/Show Cause Hearing for filling a wetland without first obtaining a permit from the IWCC.**

M/S/C (Natoli/Abetti) to table until March 8, 2013 meeting. Vote: Unanimously Approved

- 3. 340 West Road Complaint concerning flooding on property due to beaver damage.**

S. Snyder summarized what was seen on the site walk. She noted there is an extensive, large wetlands system which showed recent signs of beaver activity and damming. The Commission saw a number of culverts, one of which was clogged from tree fall. She stated that the beaver activity was the likely cause of the complaint.

Pat Quinn, East Haddam, a trapper hired by the 340 West Road property owner stated he trapped four beavers and that there are more on the property.

The Commission did not see any evidence of construction on the property adjacent to the complainant. They stated there was no apparent unapproved activity, therefore, no violation.

M/S/W (Belt/Natoli) The Commission finds there is no violation by humans to cause flooding, therefore the Commission has no jurisdiction. The motion was withdrawn.

M/S/C (Natoli/Leuck) the back flooding on the complainant's property is due to beaver activity and this closes the complaint. Vote: Unanimously Approved

- 4. NJ # 12-01-01-Removal Of Beaver Dam On 340 West Road**

The Commission has determined that the beaver dams have been there for approximately two years or less, and that removal of the dam will have little or no impact downstream therefore, it was determined the dams could be removed.

It was determined that the removal of the dam(s) may proceed as a non-jurisdictional approval.

5. POCD-IWCC Assigned Responsibilities

S. Snyder stated she is working on the invasive species letter to send to town nurseries. She asked the members if they had any ideas for posting on the IWCC web page. Some of the ideas are:

- Link to SCCOG
- Beaver management website
- Logging website

S. Snyder stated she would like to get a forester in to discuss with the Commission how they determine which trees come down and which ones stay.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Leuck/Abetti) to adjourn at 9:07. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang
Recording Secretary