

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Salem Town Hall
270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420

Monday, November 9, 2015
Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Edward Natoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates.

In attendance: Chairman Edward Natoli, Eric Belt, Sally Snyder, Linda Wildrick, Gale Balavendar, Diba Khan-Bureau. **Absent:** Roger Phillips, Frank Abetti. **Staff present:** Liz Burdick, ZEO/WEO.

3. Additions of Changes to the Agenda. None.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Upon MOTION by Lindra Wildrick, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to TABLE the approval of the September 14, 2015 meeting minutes to the December meeting.

5. Public Comment.

6. New Business:

A. IWWC#AR-15-10-03 – 69 New London Road – Applicant, Riendeau & Sons Logging - Owner, John O’Sullivan – As of Right Determination for Timber Harvest.

Scott Person, Certified Forester Practitioner reviewed the proposed selective timber harvest at 69 New London Road owned by John O’Sullivan and presented a map of the site. He stated the site is 52.51 acres and there is one wetlands crossing, which is already piped. He states he will obtain an encroachment permit from the State of CT for the curb cut and will utilize an anti-tracking pad. He states the tree tops will be used for firewood and/or left on the ground. He plans to start within a few months.

Upon MOTION by Eric Belt, Seconded by Diba Khan-Bureau, it was voted unanimously the Timber Harvest is an As-of-Right Activity and no permit required.

B. IWWC#15-10-02 – 62 Music Vale Road – Applicant, Fox Farm Brewery – Owner, Zachary & Laura Adams – Approval of a permit for site work in regulated wetlands & upland review area for Farm Brewery.

John Faulise, LS of Boundaries, LLC addressed the Commission. Faulise submitted a copy of the approval with conditions of Uncas Health District, dated October 16, 2015 and reviewed the plan revised to 11/2/15. He stated activity in the upland review areas of the west wetlands included the driveway and a propane tank; the north wetlands included an overflow parking area, the east wetlands included a driveway and parking area currently being used for same and the south wetlands included clearing along Music Vale Road, Faulise stated the clearing area had been revised since the initial plan submittal as the traffic study recommended less of a sight line was required. Activity in the south wetland would be limited to tree cutting by hand and no soil disturbance. The upland area would be used for agricultural purposes for low growing agricultural crops.

Upon questioning from the Commission, Mr. Faulise advised the existing land use from the barn to the wall was a cleared area with an existing well to be removed; that the overflow parking area was on the existing grass area and there would be no soil disturbance; that there was no brewery activity in the wetlands or upland areas; that the clearing in the wetlands was limited to 6000SF with no soil disturbance; and that there were no anticipated flooding concerns as a result of the wetlands clearing as the trees are very small in terms of mature trees.

Upon MOTION by Sally Snyder, Seconded by Diba Khan-Bureau, it was voted unanimously the proposal was not a significant impact activity and tabled the decision on the application to the December 14, 2015 meeting.

C. IWWC#15-10-04 – Music Vale Road – Applicant, Sue Spang, Salem Recreation Commission – Owner, Town of Salem – Approval of a permit for site work in regulated wetlands & upland review area for The Salem Multi-Purpose Path.

Sue Spang, Representing the Salem Recreation Commission addressed the Commission and addressed the proposal for the Salem Multi-Purpose Path and the work in wetlands and uplands regulated areas associated with the same. She stated the Crossings 1, 2 & 5 had already been approved by the IWWC and that Crossing 3 included a bridge, Crossing 4 included a boardwalk, Crossing 6 included a bridge and boardwalk, and Crossing 7 included a bridge.

Spang stated the Commission has been working on the plan for 10 years, that land was granted by DEEP for recreational purposes that has been inaccessible to date, the property was a beautiful property and needs access, and the project has received

Army Corp Category 2 and DEEP Flood Management permits.

Chairman Natoli read from the Army Corps letter dated August 12, 2015, which stated, in part “we have determined that the proposed activity, which includes a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters or wetlands, will have only minimal individual and cumulative impacts of the waters of the United States, including wetlands”.

Upon MOTION by Linda Wildrick, Seconded by Diba Khan-Bureau, it was voted unanimously the proposal was not a significant impact activity.

Upon MOTION by Sally Snyder, seconded by Gale Balavender, it was voted unanimously to table the decision on the application to the December 14, 2015 meeting.

D. 2016 Meeting Schedule.

Upon MOTION by Lindra Wildrick, Seconded by Diba Khan-Bureau, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE the 2016 meeting schedule as follows: January 11, 2016, February 8, 2016, March 14, 2016, April 11, 2016, May 9, 2016, June 13, 2016, July 11, 2016, August 8, 2016, September 12, 2016, October 11, 2016 (Tuesday), November 14, 2016 & December 12, 2016.

7. Public Hearing(s): None.

8. Old Business: None.

9. Wetlands Enforcement Officer’s Report.

Liz Burdick, ZEO/WEO gave a brief overview of her activities including complaints between neighboring property owners at 670 and 674 Old Colchester Road regarding activities in regulated areas, including a pipe replacement and keeping of farm animals. She will update the Commission next month.

10. Correspondence. The Commission reviewed general correspondence.

11. Adjournment.

Upon MOTION by Lindra Wildrick, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Liz Burdick
Salem ZEO/WEO**