

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

**Monday, April 11, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Edward Natoli called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates.** In attendance: Chairman Edward Natoli, Secretary Diba Khan-Bureau, Sally Snyder, Eric Belt, & Gale Balavender. Absent: Vice-Chairman, Roger Phillips, Linda Wildrick & Frank Abetti. Also present: Liz Burdick, WEO.
3. **Additions of Changes to the Agenda.** Chairman Edward Natoli added New Business Item C – Discussion of Path & Bridge to Multi-purpose Path area.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

*Upon MOTION by Gale Balavender, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting.*

5. **Public Comment.** None.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. **IWWC#2016AR01 – 129 Rathbun Hill Road – Applicant, Chris Casadei, C/O Hull Forest Products, Inc. - Owner, CS Crosby & Associates, LLC – As of Right Determination for Timber Harvest.**

Chris Casadei of Hull Forest Products addressed the Commission and reviewed the proposal to expand the open area to facilitate a large scale Christmas tree plantation and actively manage the remaining woodland. Involving two clearing areas totaling 14 acres and a selective timber harvest on about 40 acres of the 81-acre site. He stated the site boundaries were flagged with pink ribbon, the clearing limits marked with double orange dots at eye level, trees to be removed marked in blue and skid trails identified with yellow ribbon. He reviewed types of equipment to be used and stated existing woods roads will be utilized as main skid trails.

Further, he stated there are three wetlands crossings associated with the project involving intermittent drainages, that corduroy will be installed as needed to protect the channel during operation, that water bars and diversion ditches will be utilized if needed, that higher quality trees will be left for future harvest in utilizing

a 15-20 year strategy and that no wetlands are being clearing. He stated there is no grubbing and stumping associated with this phase of the project and the owner, Mr. Crosby is aware further permitting is required for future excavation.

*Upon MOTION by Eric Belt, Seconded by Gale Balavender, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE the Timber Harvest as an As of Right Activity and no permit is required.*

**B. Election of Officers.**

*Upon MOTION by Gale Balavender, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE a slate of Officers as follows: Edward Natoli as Chairman, Roger Phillips as Vice-Chairman and Diba Khan-Bureau as Secretary.*

**C. Discussion of path and bridge on Town property to Multi-purpose Path area.**

Chairman Edward Natoli stated he was concerned about the gravel path and small bridge that was constructed without permission from the Commission. There was detailed discussion regarding the requirement for a permit. First Selectman Kevin Lyden stated he had permission from the then Wetlands Officer Candy Palmer to do the work. WEO Burdick suggested a request to the Commission as an as of right activity determination for the recreational path that may be located in regulated areas. Burdick will draft an application for the Commission for the next meeting.

**7. Public Hearing(s): None.**

**8. Old Business:**

The Commission discussed future agenda items and that it would like to meet at least quarterly.

**9. Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report.**

WEO Burdick advised no violations or recent buffer applications.

**10. Correspondence.**

Secretary Diba Khan-Bureau reviewed correspondence.

**11. Adjournment.**

*Upon MOTION by Gale Balavender, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to ADJOURN at 8 :01 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Burdick  
Wetlands Enforcement Officer