

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2011

7:30 PM

Present: S. Snyder, Chairperson, E. Belt, E. Natoli Alt., L. Wildrick, G. Ziegra, M. Chinatti-WEO

Absent: D. Khan-Bureau, W. Leuck, R. Phillips, G. Balavender, Alt, Vacancy Alt.

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

PUBLIC HEARING-None

M/S/C (Ziegra/Belt) to seat E. Natoli for W. Leuck. Vote: Approved Unanimously

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Ziegra/Wildrick) to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. As of Right Determination-Sna z Spot-retaining wall replacement

Len Johnson, Wetlands Enforcement Officer for the Town of Preston, a family friend of the applicant explained the history of the retaining wall and what the owners propose to do to fix it. He stated that when the wall was originally put in many years ago it consisted of timbers, rip-rap, and tires. He said the materials are deteriorating and falling into the lake. The campground would like to remove the existing retaining wall of 300 feet after the drawdown of the lake and replace with poured concrete or concrete blocks. They would excavate to

hard earth and replace with 2 foot thick concrete at grade. Mr. Johnson showed a mockup of a beach area they intend to put in, he stated that years ago there was a large area that was all beach and sand. There will be filter fabric to prevent the sand from going into the lake.

M. Chinatti had no comments or concerns with the proposed plan.

Mr. Johnson stated all the tires will be picked up by a recycling company and all the gravel and materials reused in building the new retaining wall.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the activity is determined to be an as of right activity.

2. As of Right Determination-Timber Harvest, 122 Morgan Road

Andy Clark, Limb-it-Less Logging, LLC described the site where the timber harvest would take place. He stated there had been no maintenance of the forest for over 50 years. He stated the forest is in the 10 mil forest protection program. He stated the forest health is decent but approximately 30% of the trees lost their tops with the last hurricane. He stated he would have to access the forest by going in next to the existing road because the equipment would damage the paved road. There are 2 intermittent stream crossings where he will use portable bridges to get across. There are 2 other crossings with stone culverts but he will probably use temporary bridges to cross and not risk damaging the stone culverts. The trees will be carried out and not dragged. Mr. Clark stated there were about 886 trees marked for harvest which is about 8 trees per acre. He stated erosion is not much of a problem due to the rockiness of the site. Mr. Clark invited members for a site walk to see the operation.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the activity is determined to be an as of right activity.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Adhoc Conservation Committee Report-No Report
2. Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee Report-No Report
3. Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee Report-No Report

CORRESPONDENCE:

DEEP Letter

CT DEEP Segment 3 Training Program

CT NOFA

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Newsletter

G. Ziegler and E. Belt terms to expire. The Commission recommended that the Board of Selectman reappoint E. Belt to the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Wildrick/Ziegler) to adjourn at 8:42. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary