

**SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION
May 11, 2009**

Present: Balavender, G., Alt. - left at 8:34 pm
Belt, E.
Chinatti, M. - WEO
Khan-Bureau, D.
Leuck, W.
Phillips, R.
Snyder, S.
Wildrick, L.
Ziegra, G.

Absent: Natoli, E., Alt.
Vacancy, Alt.

Guests: see attached.

Chairman G. Ziegra called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

With the Commission's consent, the chairman added the following to tonight's agenda:

Under *NEW BUSINESS*:

Add to item 3) *L. Avery* "Regulated Activity application (#09-05-02)", and

Add to item 2) *C. Mullin* "Regulated Activity application (#09-05-03)".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

- 1) **April 13, 2009 - Regular Meeting**

M/S/C (Snyder/Wildrick) to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

M. Chinatti, WEO, stated that she would address each matter as it was heard on tonight's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Town of Salem - Regulated Activity application (#09-04-02) for emergency repairs on Darling Road**

Sketches were received for tonight's meeting (all members received copies prior to tonight's meeting).

The pipe that collapsed has been replaced by two (2) pipes.

After discussion, the Commission took the following action:

M/S/C (Phillips/Khan-Bureau) to approve the Regulated Activity application (#09-04-02) of the Town of Salem for emergency repairs on Darling Road with the conditions as stated on the permit. Vote: approved unanimously.

- 2) **Mecca - Regulated Activity application (#09-04-01) for a sign at 1 New London Road (WITHDRAWN by applicant)**

The applicant had supplied the Commission the information that showed the proposed sign was outside of the wetlands and the buffer zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Wright - Regulated Activity application (#09-05-01) for porch construction within wetlands at 59 Rattlesnake Ledge Road**

No one appeared for this application.

Commission review of plan provided:

- Consensus was that there would be no significant impact.
- Questions arose as to if sono tubes would be used.

Due to the required fourteen (14) day waiting period for action on an application, the Commission made the following motion:

M/S/C (Snyder/Leuck) to table Regulated Activity application (#09-05-01) of D. Wright for porch construction at 59 Rattlesnake Ledge Road to the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission. Vote: approved unanimously.

- 2) **C. Mullin - 106 Skyline Drive - Regulated Activity application (#09-05-03)**
Application for Regulated Activity (clean up debris and garbage on property; driveway replacement in the same footprint and removal of railroad ties and replacement with riprap) submitted just prior to tonight's meeting.

Review of M. Chinatti's letter (4/28/09) to Mr. Mullin in regard to the work already done on his property for which he has not submitted an application for a permit.

C. Mullin, property owner, stated:

He was trying to clean up the debris on his property. The neighborhood had been using it as a dumping ground prior to his purchase of the property.

D. Mullin, applicant's agent, presented photographs of what debris still remains on the site and what was taken out just last weekend.

Photographs showed various debris (antenna, engine block, water heaters, batteries, tires, brush cuttings, concrete block, scrap building materials, etc.).

The chairman had requested that the WEO take photos of the site this afternoon.

The WEO did not go on the site itself; all of her photos were taken from the road.

She stated that all work being accomplished is being done in the Upland Review Area.

The Commission consensus was to take a walk of the site:

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 5:30 pm was chosen for the walk date.

The Commission also informed the applicant that there could be no more work in the wetlands.

The Regulated Activity in regard to the replacement of the driveway was added to this application.

M/S/C (Khan-Bureau/Wildrick) to table application (#09-05-03) of C. Mullin for Regulated Activity at 106 Skyline Drive to the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission and set a site walk of the property for Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 5:30 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

3) L. Avery - 190 Round Hill Road - wetlands violation - Regulated Activity application (#09-05-02)

M. Chinatti, WEO:

Review of letter (5/04/09) to L. Avery in regard to the wetlands violation at her quarry and photographs taken at the site by the WEO.

When the original permit was approved (6/09/03), one of the conditions was that there was to be a thirty (30) ft. restoration area around the pond.

As this permit is six (6) years old, it has expired.

Inspection for renewal of the Special Exception for the quarry shows that the thirty (30) ft. restoration area is now destroyed.

V. Savalle, agent for L. Avery:

Has grassed and seeded the thirty (30) ft. area every year. The area is only about two (2) inches above ledge. It is very hard for anything to grow there.

Submitted photos he had taken of the site today for the Commission's review.

It was the Commission's consensus to set a walk of the site for Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

M/S/C (Leuck/Wildrick) to table application (#09-05-02) of L. Avery for Regulated Activity at the quarry at 190 Round Hill Road to the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission and to set a site walk of the property for Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

The Commission stated that there should be no work in the wetlands on the site until a permit is issued.

G. Balavender left the meeting at 8:34 pm.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1) **Adhoc Conservation Committee report**

E. Belt stated that a meeting would be held on Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

2) **Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee report**

S. Snyder stated that she had nothing new to report. L. Schroeder is still researching the Assessor's records.

3) **Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee report**

D. Khan-Bureau informed the Commission that an Amphibian Walk was held on the Walden preserve; about ninety (90) people were in attendance. She also staged a Simulated Bioassessment at the Salem School with the first graders; her students from TRCC assisted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no *CORRESPONDENCE* this evening.

CRITIQUE:

Commission review of the positive aspects and areas for improvement in regard to the conduct of tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Leuck/Khan-Bureau) to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
D. Khan-Bureau, Secretary