

**SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**(IWCC)**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 9, 2012**

**7:30 PM**

**Present:** S. Snyder, Chairperson, E. Belt, D. Khan-Bureau, W. Leuck, L. Wildrick, E. Natoli, G. Balavender, Alt, M. Chinatti-WEO

**Absent:** R. Phillips, Vacancy Alt., Vacancy Alt.

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and introduced the members present.

**PUBLIC HEARING-**None

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

(D. Khan-Bureau arrives at 7:34)

**M/S/C (Leuck/Wildrick) to seat G. Balavender for R. Phillips. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-**

Add IWCC # 12-04-01-Lorraine Johnson, 715 Hartford Road to New Business, item 1.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Leuck/Balavender) to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented.**

**Vote: Approved. Unanimously**

**WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS-**None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. IWCC 12-04-01, 703 Hartford Road-Lorraine Johnson.**

R. Mihock, civil engineer for the applicant gave an overview of the property. He stated there was an existing road which extends most of the way through to the back property. He stated the property was approximately 40 acres and was recently flagged for wetlands by R. Snarski. R. Mihock stated the road would be improved/constructed at the limits of the wetlands.

S. Snyder recalled that the entrance of the driveway where it meets the road has to be 25 feet and the driveway 12 feet. She noticed the plan calls for a 20 foot "travel way".

R. Mihock stated that most towns call for a driveway of 20 feet for emergency access but, they would be happy to do a 12 foot driveway.

S. Snyder asked about the vernal pools which were mentioned at the last meeting.

D. Khan Bureau stated that the vernal pools are portrayed differently in the communication from R. Snarski as compared to the statement of L. Johnson at the last meeting.

L. Johnson informed the members that R. Snarski went into the standing water and could find no egg masses or evidence of frogs.

The Commission noted that it has been very dry and that there may not be any water.

L. Johnson stated there was water there now.

R. Mihock stated there was some kind of a culvert existing now which will be replaced with a pipe at the same elevation as the existing one, there will be no change in water flow.

D. Khan Bureau thought there should be a site walk.

It was the consensus of the Commission that they did not need a site walk.

R. Mihock stated that the widening of the driveway would take place away from the water and would be on the north side of the existing road.

**M/S/C (Leuck/Belt) to table application IWCC 12-04-01, L. Johnson, 305 Hartford Road to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Vote: Approved Unanimously.**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS-None**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Aquarion asking for nominations of people who have contributed to the improvement of environmental quality.

The Commission discussed nominating TRUE an environmental group from Three Rivers Community College. D. Khan-Bureau will write something for the nomination.

ESRI

ARC New

CT Wildlife

D. Khan-Bureau stated that Three Rivers Community College would be offering a GIS class in the fall and summer.

**CRITIQUE: None**

S. Snyder stated that she did not have a conservation issue to discuss.

E. Belt stated that he could provide the natural resource data base to members for discussion at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/S/C (Belt/Natoli) to adjourn at 8:07. Vote: Approved Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary