

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(IWCC)

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2012

7:30 PM

Present: S. Snyder, Chairperson, E. Belt, W. Leuck, , E. Natoli, G. Balavender, Alt, M. Chinatti-WEO

Absent: D. Khan-Bureau, R. Phillips, L. Wildrick, Vacancy Alt., Vacancy Alt.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and introduced the members present.

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) to seat G. Balavender for L. Wildrick. Vote: Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING-None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA- CACIWC Dues

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Natoli/Belt) to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: Approved Unanimously

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: M. Chinatti reminded members of the Town Farmers Market.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Niantic River Watershed Commission Funding Request for \$3533.97.

R. Savalle, Secretary of the Niantic River Watershed (NRW) Commission informed the IWCC that they are looking for funding from all four towns in the NRW in order to keep their paid coordinator. The NRW is in the process of filing for their 501 (c)(3) status which will allow them to have fundraisers and collect funds for the purpose of paying for a coordinator and programs.

R. Savalle submitted a letter (See File copy) outlining the request and what the coordinator provides the NRW.

R. Savalle stated the funding requests were proportional to how much of the watershed was in each town. She stated this would probably be a onetime request.

S. Snyder asked if the NRW had approached Rivers Alliance for funding to help with setting up the 501 (c)(3) or for other funding needs. She also asked what has been done in Salem by the NRW.

R. Savalle stated that they conducted water testing in Latimer Brook and gave educational kits to school children.

Some members were uncomfortable with funding the request if the other three towns decided not to fund. They also felt the money was appropriated for specific IWCC related expenses and not for a large request for an outside agency.

All the members thought it was a worthwhile organization to support.

The members understood the funds would go back to the general fund if not spent on the request and suggested NRW go to the Board of Selectman for the request.

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) The Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission supports the request for funding for the Niantic River Watershed Commission in the amount of \$3533.97 and recommend to the Board of Selectman those funds be taken out of the Inland Wetlands Conservation Commission's account.

Vote: Failed. In favor of: Snyder, Belt. Opposed: Balavender, Leuck, Natoli.

M/S/C (Natoli/Balavender) The Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission feel it is a good cause and recommends Salem should fund it.

Vote: Approved. In favor: Snyder, Balavender, Leuck, Natoli. Opposed: Belt

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. AR 12-05-02, 320 Hartford Road, J. Duncan- tent in a buffer zone on a nursery property.**

Joe Duncan stated that he is looking for a broad As of Right determination for his property due to his nursery designation. He stated that, as he reads the state statute there is wide discretion as to what he can do in the wetlands.

S. Snyder stated that the statute states specifically; activities in the wetlands or watercourses. The applicant is proposing activity in the upland review. She stated it had to be incidental to the farming or nursery operation.

J. Duncan stated he used the tent for storage of materials, classes, and plants. He stated the ground is level, covered with pea stone, and slopes gently to the man-made pond.

S. Snyder stated that she saw minimal impact on the wetlands.

J. Duncan stated that for the last few years he has come in and received a buffer permit which he has to apply for every year at a substantial price.

The Commission discussed whether the applicant even needs a permit for the activity.

M/S/C (Belt/Natoli) we find no permit is required for this activity. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

2. AR 12-05-03, Forsyth Road, Winoker, Timber Harvest

The applicant was not present for the application.

M. Chinatti stated the map was fairly general and does not show what is going on in the wetlands, but the narrative states that they will probably not be doing any activity in the wetlands.

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) to approve the As of Right determination for AR 12-05-03, Forsyth Road, Winoker, Timber Harvest. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

3. CACIWC Dues

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) to approve the payment of the CACIWC Dues. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

E. Belt noted that he passed out the current Natural Resource Data Base for Salem, and informed the members he is working on updating it. He stated most of the verbiage is updated but the maps need updating. E. Natoli will supply an updated amphibians list.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CT Wildlife
The Habitat
Sustainable Eastern CT advisory letter.

CRITIQUE: The members discussed the positive and negative aspects of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Leuck/ Belt) to adjourn at 8:57. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary