

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(IWCC)

REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2012

7:30 PM

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

Absent: D. Khan-Bureau, Vacancy Alt., Vacancy Alt.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM and introduced the members present.

PUBLIC HEARING-None

(G. Balavender arrives at 7:34)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Belt/Wildrick) to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting as amended.

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Vote: Approved. In favor-Belt, Natoli, Leuck, Snyder, Wildrick. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Phillips

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

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

S. Snyder reminded the members that the applicant had presented their application at the previous month's meeting. She asked R. Phillips if he had any questions due to his absence at that meeting. R. Phillips asked about the location of the spoils placement and the strength of the road.

The applicant and their agent informed the Commission that the spoils location is addressed in the notes of the site plan, and that the road was used in the past for carrying materials out by large trucks.

M/S/C (Leuck/Belt) to approve application IWCC 12-04-01, 703 Hartford Road-Lorraine Johnson.

Vote: Approved. In favor-Belt, Natoli, Leuck, Snyder, Wildrick. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Phillips

NEW BUSINESS:

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

The Commission was informed that the people who are asking for the request asked to postponed the discussion to give them time to put a presentation together.

M/S/C (Leuck/Wildrick) to table the Niantic River Watershed Commission Funding Request for \$3533.97. Vote: Approved Unanimously

2. AR 12-05-01, Dredge and complete Excavation of Existing Pond, 40 Way Road.

M. Chinatti stated that she looked at the proposal and thought it qualified as an As of Right request. She stated the application was well done and explained what the applicant proposes.

S. Snyder stated she liked the presentation but did not think it qualified for the As of Right determination. She referenced state statutes which are also in Salem's IWCC Regulations verbatim under Section 4. She stated she looked at a soils map, and an online aerial map and it appeared that the area where the pond is located is very wet and indicative of wetlands soils. She stated the pond was a manmade pond which was dug in the wetlands before the regulations were in effect.

The Commission discussed the application as an As of Right request.

R. Phillips stated that the applicant seems to know what he is doing. R. Phillips asked questions about the spoils and the slope of the banks.

The applicant stated the spoils would be minimal and would be used to better define the pond edges.

E. Natoli asked if the pond was used for agriculture and if the farm was active.

The applicant stated the farm was active.

S. Snyder broke the application into two parts, the dredging of the pond and the placement of the spoils to better determine the proper application to consider.

Members did not think the materials removed constituted a significant amount for that size pond, and the ecological damage was minimal.

The applicant stated approximately 900 sq. ft. of materials would be dredged. He stated the pond would be drained with clear pumps during the dry months in order to do the work.

The Commission asked the applicant to consider draining the water through additional hay bales so as not to have sediment downstream. They also asked the applicant to contact the WEO when he plans to start the dredging.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the application meets the As of Right requirements.

CONTINUING BUSINESS-None

CORRESPONDENCE:

ESRI
The Habitat

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

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Belt/Leuck) to adjourn at 8:11. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary