

**SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Salem Town Hall, 270 Hartford Road
September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Special Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates.

Present: Linda Wildrick, Roger Philips, Ed Natoli, Frank Abetti, Diba Kahn-Bureau, Kim Bradley

Absent: Gale Balavender, Jim Muholland, Lou Allen, Larry Moore

Two full members being absent, Alternate Member Frank Abetti was seated.

3. Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2019 Meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of August 12, 2019 as revised.

Moved: Wildrick, Second: Bradley

Vote: motion passed 6-0-0

4. Public Comment.

None

5. New Business:

A. Unpermitted regulated activity at 40 Lake View Ave.

Wetlands Official Matthew Allen explained the results of an inspection instigated by complaints revealed work being done at the subject property beyond the scope of a permit issued 8/1/19. The property owner, John Diamantini, appeared and a conversation between Mr. Diamantini, the Commission, and staff concerning necessary corrective action ensued.

Motion: To amend the 8/1/19 permit for 40 Lake View Ave. to require (1) sufficient erosion & sediment controls per the wetlands official, (2) no use of heavy machinery within the regulated area, (3) work to be completed by 9/21/19.

Moved: Kahn-Bureau, Second: Wildrick

Vote: motion passed 5-0-1

6. Public Hearing(s):

None

7. Old Business:

A. Grisafe properties restoration

Richard Snarski, certified soil scientist & professional wetlands scientist, represented the property owners and provided a draft proposed restoration plan for the subject property. Discussion ensued between Mr. Snarski, the Commission, and staff concerning the restoration plan. The consensus of the Commission and the property owners was to revise the plan to eliminate the use of herbicide or other chemicals. Mr. Snarski agreed to revise the plan as directed and present such for final approval at the next meeting of the IWCC.

B. Unpermitted filling by Salem PW at 389 Darling Rd.

Director of Public Works Don Bourdeau appeared before the Commission to discuss filling done by Public Works at 389 Darling Rd. which may have occurred within a regulated area without the required permit. Mr. Bourdeau along with the property owners explained the nature of the subject area as well as the quantity and quality of the fill. Mr. Bourdeau also explained that per the First Selectmen the policy of Public Works hereon will be to bring all excavated material to the transfer station. Discussion ensued concerning whether corrective action should be taken at the subject property. General consensus was that the filling did not pose serious threat and restoration or corrective action may make conditions at the location worse.

Motion: That the Commission and its agent not further pursue restoration of the subject violation.

Moved: Philips, Second: Wildrick

Vote: motion passed 5-0-1

C. Complaint form

The Commission reviewed a draft complaint form and requested the following revisions: (1) include the date of complaint, (2) change the disclaimer to say that anonymous complainants will not receive "direct" status reports/updates. Staff agreed to make the requested revisions; a completed complaint form will hereon be required for all complaints.

8. Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report.

None

9. Correspondence.

None

10. Plus Delta.

The Commission requested, and staff agreed, that all permit applications for properties on Gardner Lake hereon be brought to the Commission. The Commission also requested "Approval of Agenda" be added after "Roll Call" as an item on future agendas.

11. Adjournment.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Moved: Philips, Second: Wildrick

Vote: motion passed 6-0-0