

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Salem Town Hall

270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420

Monday, September 11, 2017

Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Edward Natoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates. In attendance:** Chairman Edward Natoli, Jr., Vice-Chairman Diba Khan-Bureau (7:06), Secretary Roger Phillips, Sally Snyder, Linda Wildrick Alt. Frank Abetti, Alt. Kimberly Bradley and **Absent:** Eric Belt, Gale Balavender and, **Also in Attendance:** Liz Burdick, Zoning & Wetlands Officer.

Upon MOTION by Linda Wildrick, Seconded by Roger Phillips, it was voted unanimously to seat Abetti for Khan-Bureau/Belt and Bradley for Balavender.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** August 14, 2017 Meeting.

Upon MOTION by Sally Snyder, Seconded by Roger Phillips, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes. In Favor: Commissioners Natoli, Jr., Phillips, Wildrick, Abetti. Opposed: None. Abstained: Vice-Chairman Diba Khan-Bureau, Sally Snyder, and Alt. Kimberly Bradley.

4. **Public Comment.** None.

5. **New Business.**

Upon MOTION by Frank Abetti, Seconded by Linda Wildrick, it was voted unanimously to move Old Business Item 7A to New Business Item 5A.

- A. **IWWC#2017-05** – 689 Old Colchester Road (Map 14, Lot 2) – Applicant, Jeremy Clark, Clark Forestry Services – Property Owner, Glenn Ostrager for As of Right Determination for Timber Harvest. (DRD 11/14/17).

Jeremy Clark of Clark Forestry Services addressed the Commission on behalf of Property Owner Glenn Ostrager and addressed the request of the applicant for a “first-phase shelterwood – preparatory cut (crown and mid-story thinning). Regressive and marginal trees occupying space in the canopy will be removed to provide more growing space for healthy, dominant, sawing-quality trees and establish/release oak regeneration in the understory. The only access to the site, and the landing, will be located north of a beaver pond/wetland, which will be protected by hay bale installation, and stabilized by

mulching and seeding post-harvest. Several lowland depressions, and their ephemeral drainages were avoided during trail layout wherever possible. Two intermittent drainages will need to be crossed with pole corduroy to access portions of the property. Steep sections of trails will be promptly seeded with a conservation mix post-harvest. The harvest will remove poor vigor, low-quality stems and a portion of over-mature trees to enhance continued growth of desirable crop trees for future sale.”

There was further Commission discussion that 48 of the 79 acres is to be harvested, that there are two crossings, that the skid trails will be flagged in the field and stay away from drainages and low lying areas, the access near the pond to have two truckloads of gravel, the harvest will consist of 33 – 40% removal, vernal pools will have a 75’ no cut buffer, the tree tops will remain on site & all slash max height 4’ – 6’, felling equipment will be forwarder type & wood will be stacked in back rather than dragging along skid trail, E&S will consist of haybales or straw waddles, start in December or January & the skid trails will be laid out for future cut as early as six years, but most likely 10 – 15 years.

Upon MOTION by Roger Phillips, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE Application IWWC#2017-05 at 689 Old Colchester Road of the Applicant, Jeremy Clark, Clark Forestry Services and the Property Owner, Glenn Ostrager for an As of Right Determination for a Timber Harvest in accordance with the application and supporting documentation, including Notification of Timber Harvest, Forest Operation Plan and five (5) Map Appendices as a use permitted as of right per Salem Inlands & Watercourses Regulation Section 4.1 and that no permit is required.

- 6. Public Hearing(s): None.**
- 7. Old Business. None.**
- 8. Wetlands Enforcement Officer’s Report. None.**
- 9. Correspondence.**
- 10. Adjournment.**

Upon MOTION by Frank Abetti, Seconded by Sally Snyder, it was voted unanimously to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Burdick
Zoning & Wetlands Officer