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Town of Stafford  
Inland Wetlands Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Warren Memorial Town Hall

  
TOWN CLERK

Members Present: John D. Wilson, Acting Chairman  
William Dixon  
Hickory Lake  
Thomas Topping, Jr.  
David Smith

Also Present: Joseph Theroux, Professional Forester, representing the applicant

#### AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish a quorum
2. Review minutes from April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action: Application for timber harvest by David Worthington at 28 Village Hill Road, owned by Ramona Garvais. Assessor's map #75, Lot #1, AA Zone.
4. New and Other Business
5. Adjournment

**1. Call to order and establish a quorum.**

John Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. establishing a quorum with John D. Wilson, William Dixon, Hickory Lake, Thomas Topping, Jr., and Alternate member David Smith (seated for Dennis Hodgkin).

**2. Review minutes from April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting.**

Hickory Lake made a motion to approve the April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by David Smith. All were in favor.

**3. Discussion and possible possible action: Application for timber harvest by David Worthington at 28 Village Hill Road, owned by Ramona Garvais. Assessor's map #75, Lot #1, AA Zone.**

John Wilson noted that he discussed this application with Town Attorney Ed Muska. The application was received on January 31, 2017 and Ramona Garvais passed away in early February, 2017. Rich Garvais signed the application as her conservator. Attorney Muska reviewed the application and Ramona Garvais will and indicated they could proceed with the meeting on this application.

Joseph Theroux, a professional forester representing David Worthington, said this application for timber harvest is for +/- 80,000 board feet of pine. There will be no wetlands crossings. The main landing for the work will be in the field area with access from Stafford Street Extension. Some trees are to be cut and harvested along the edges of the wetlands. On the south end of the property a second landing area will be constructed to prevent impacts. When the operation is completed, the skid trails adjacent to the wetlands will be seeded and mulched.

Joseph Theroux said this area has well-drained soils. He said the applicant would like to do the work either this winter while it is still cold or in the summer when the area is dry, and not in the spring. The Commission also briefly discussed the GIS mapping.

Hickory Lake noted that the application under Section D, Item 1, indicates there will be a wetlands crossing, but Joseph Theroux said this will not be necessary. Hickory Lake asked that any approval include removal of this notation from the description of activity.

Hickory Lake made a motion to approve the application for timber harvest by David Worthington at 28 Village Hill Road, Assessor's map #75, Lot 1, AA Zone, amended to remove Section D, Item 1 for a wetlands crossing from the proposed activity. Bill Dixon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**4. New and Other Business**

None.

**5. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Dixon and seconded by Tom Topping. All were in favor. The February 15, 2017 meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Gentile  
Recording Secretary