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**Town of Stafford
Public Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the Stafford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Meeting Room, Warren Memorial Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Stafford, CT to consider the following:

Adoption of Forestry Regulations

At this Hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communication received. Copies of application, legal notice, and related information are on file in the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Stafford, Ct.

Barry Locke
Chairman

Journal Inquirer

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4. Stafford CT Inland wetlands regulations.....

7.10 Forestry:

For the purpose of these regulations, all harvesting of trees will be considered forestry; and all milling of round wood will be considered wood product manufacturing, meeting the requirements of wood cutting and will not apply to this section.

Forestry is allowed in all AA and AAA residential zones and all business and industrial zones and will be allowed in water management zones. All cutting of trees permitted with a permitted construction or use shall not require a permit.

A. Commercial cutting up to ~~ten thousand (10,000)~~ board feet or 20 cords or 60 tons, whichever scale is appropriate and all private cutting of trees shall not require a permit but shall comply with these regulations. All commercial cutting of trees over ten thousand (10,000) board feet shall require a permit meeting the following requirements. Note: It will be considered private cutting when the landowners harvest their own stand of trees.

A. —

1. The applicant shall state the type of forestry, selective cutting, or clear cutting, the number of acres involved in the operation, and the approximate number of board feet to be removed. The permit shall be signed by both the owner and the logger.
2. A buffer strip of one hundred (100) feet from all property lines abutting developed land and town and state roads shall exist where no more than fifty percent (50%) of the volume of the trees in this area shall be removed and where all slash shall be chipped or removed. A buffer strip of fifty (50) feet from property lines abutting raw and undeveloped land meeting the above requirements will be allowed. Trees accidentally damaged during the felling operation to the extent of impeding future growth will be felled and removed from the above-mentioned buffer strips. All ground surfaces disturbed in this area shall be re-graded and seeded. This work shall be done before any new permits can be issued.
3. The applicant will comply with all Inland Wetland Regulations as required.
4. All watercourses, swamps, ponds, and lakes shall be protected from erosion by methods approved by the Forestry Unit — D.E.E.P.; A buffer or one hundred (100) feet from all perennial streams, lakes and ponds and fifty (50) feet from a vernal pool shall exist where no more than fifty percent (50%) of the basal area of live trees shall be removed, and a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from all said waterways shall be kept free of all slash from this forestry operation.

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~~— A forestry permit shall be required. Clarification required~~

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5. Clear cutting over five (5) acres and selective cutting over fifty thousand (50,000) board feet shall require a one thousand dollars (\$1,000) Performance Bond. Such

cash bond will be held by the town and may be returned only after inspections by the inland wetland enforcement officer show adherence to best management practices.

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6. Clear-cutting shall not exceed ten (10) acres. Clear-felling is allowed provided no single clear-felled area on a property exceeds 10 acres and that an unharvested buffer no less than XXX100 feet wide be established between each clear-felled area.

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B. All commercial forestry operations, commercial and private, must follow approved silvicultural practices and shall comply with the latest edition of "Best management practices for water quality while harvesting forestry products" as published by the DEEP.

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