

Town of Stafford
Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Warren Memorial Town Hall

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Members Present: Barry Locke, Chairman
John D. Wilson
Rick Hartenstein
Dave Belcher
Kurt Mordasky
Tom Topping
Hickory Lake

Also Present: Dave Perkins, ZEO
Dave Smith, alternate
Public

PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of Forestry Regulations

Barry Locke, Chair, opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. with members Barry Locke, John D. Wilson, Rick Hartenstein, Dave Belcher, Kurt Mordasky, Tom Topping, and Hickory Lake in attendance.

Barry Locke reviewed the evolution for forestry regulations. He said logging permits used to be approved via the Planning & Zoning Commission, but the state has informed them that this is the purview of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. He said Dave Perkins sent Stafford's existing regulations to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and they reviewed them and provided seven additional recommendations. Dave Perkins incorporated those suggestions into their regulations and sent them back to DEEP. They have verbally informed him that the changes are acceptable and will be formally certifying them in the near future.

Dave Perkins noted that the question arose at last month's meeting asking what would be the IWWCs jurisdiction if there are no wetlands involved where a logging permit is being applied for. There was consensus to allow the ZEO to handle the permit administratively, and bring any issues of concern to the IWWC. Dave Perkins said forestry as agriculture is a permitted right in the wetlands, and the IWWC looks to protect wetlands by requiring such measures as silt control.

Dave Smith asked how the model regulations compare to the regulations from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Dave Perkins said they are comparable.

Karl Milikowski of Stafford Street asked why silt fence is used. Barry Locke said the IWWC generally asks for silt fence to be installed or hay bales to be put down as a means to protect against runoff onto neighboring properties.

There were no other questions or comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Establish a quorum.
3. Review minutes of July 18, 2018 regular meeting.
4. Possible Action on Public Hearing items.
5. Discuss Administrative approvals.
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

1. **Call to order.**

Barry Locke, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Veterans' Meeting Room.

2. **Establish a quorum.**

Barry Locke established a quorum with regular members Barry Locke, Chair; John Wilson, Rick Hartenstein, Dave Belcher, Kurt Mordasky, Tom Topping, and Hickory Lake.

3. **Review minutes of July 18, 2018 Regular Meeting.**

John Wilson made a motion, seconded by Tom Topping to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Regular meeting. All were in favor.

4. **Possible Action on Public Hearing items.**

John Wilson made a motion, seconded by Kurt Mordasky to accept the proposed forestry regulations with the suggested changes from DEEP, effective date September 5, 2018.

Hickory Lake asked if this approval will affect any existing operations. Barry Locke said there are none at this time.

A vote was taken on the motion. All were in favor.

5. **Discuss Administrative Approvals.**

Dave Perkins reviewed some recent administrative approvals. He said he met with the sewer department regarding a sewer line that is to be moved on West Street. It will attach to the bridge. It is in the buffer zone near the watercourse, and he will be giving them administrative approval to proceed.

Dave Perkins also reported that the property owner at 21 Delphi Road, the last house on the west side of the lake, would like to cut down about eighteen trees in preparation to put in a single family house. It is in the buffer, not the wetlands. He spoke with the property owner and with the forester, trying to take a proactive approach, so everyone will be aware of the work that will be going on.

6. Other Business

Barry Locke said he was approached about an upcoming Eagle Scout project to build a handicap dock at Dennis Pond. This would likely be close to the pavilion. Dave Perkins said he will be meeting with the boyscout on Tuesday, and if he moves forward he will need to get an IWWC permit because the dock will be in the water. He'll need to meet with several people--- including Town Engineer Dennis Milanovich, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Conservation Commission, and the IWWC. Dave Perkins said he gave him the various forms he will need.

Hickory Lake said that if this is to be a handicap dock, he wants to understand how a person using it will get to the dock. He assumed there will be some kind of ramp. Barry Locke said he felt comfortable having Dave Perkins handle this administratively.

Hickory Lake reported he has heard that there has been more land clearing at Johnson Memorial. He said machines are there to clear more trees, and suggested Dave Perkins might want to check things out. Dave Perkins said he will look into it tomorrow morning.

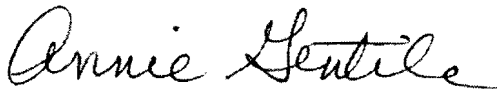
Hickory Lake reported there are still tarps and mafia blocks out at the Crystal Lake dam. He asked if the work has been completed. John Wilson provided some history. He said he had gotten a call from Rich Zulick and he met him up at the dam over a year ago. No one was doing any work there at the time, but the next day a mini excavator was working in the lake. John Wilson said he made them take it out. The workers said they had permission from DEEP, but John's concern was that water might be going down into the wetlands. He asked them to put up silt fence and directed them where to install it. They did so, after which John said he was good with the work proceeding. It made sense for them to continue the work at that time.

John Wilson said he is not entirely sure if the work is now complete. He said cement work was done at the bridge and an environmental company was out there to handle the residue. The water has stopped going through the rocks. Barry Locke suggested checking in with Rich Zulick to find out the status of the project.

7. Adjournment

Hickory Lake made a motion, seconded by John Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The August 15, 2018 Inland Wetlands Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Gentile
Recording Secretary