

Town of Stafford
Inland Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2023
Veterans Meeting Room

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Members Present: John D. Wilson, Chair
Kurt Mordasky
Dave Smith
Hickory Lake
Ricky Dorman, alternate

Also Present: Forest Dolby, applicant

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Establish a quorum
3. Review and approve minutes of 3/15/2023
4. Notification of Timber Harvest – 160 Chestnut Hill Road
5. Adjournment

1. Call to order

John Wilson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Establish a quorum

A quorum was established with John Wilson, Chair; Kurt Mordasky, Dave Smith, and Hickory Lake, and seating Ricky Dorman, alternate for Dr. David Mordasky.

3. Review and approve minutes of 3/15/2023

Dave Smith made a motion, seconded by Kurt Mordasky to approve the 3/15/2023 meeting minutes as written. Dave Smith, Kurt Mordasky, Ricky Dorman, and John Wilson voted in favor. Hickory Lake abstained. Motion carried.

4. Notice of Timber Harvest – 160 Chestnut Hill Road

John Wilson said the property under discussion is the one on the Somers side of Michael Krol's property. It goes around the back of it. John said he saw a timber operation there, and he didn't recall there being a permit. He checked with Town Hall and they said there was a permit, but when he asked who was doing the work he was told Hull Forest Products.

John said Hull Forest Products was not doing the work, so he checked into it further and found Hull had been issued a permit on September 12, 2019, but it expired October 1, 2020. After talking with Mike Bartlett with Hull Forest Products, he was informed they

had marked the trees on the property but never took them down. John Wilson said he then talked to the property owner, Forest Dolby and learned he was doing some of the work. Forest Dolby is an arborist and the Town of Stafford is familiar with his company, Mountain Tree Service.

John Wilson said there are some wetlands on the property and some trees were cut down. He said they went through some wetlands, but it was minimal. He said Forest Dolby had put down mats in the wettest area.

Forest Dolby showed on a map where he planned to plant a barrier of six-foot spruce trees between his property and the Krol property. John Wilson said he gave him permission to plant them 15 feet from the property line. However, he asked Forest to come in and get a permit so the records are up to date. John Wilson also reviewed the wetlands map in the packet, noting a culvert under the road created the wetlands. He indicated where the tracking pad is located and where timber is down in the small wet area.

John Wilson said Forest Dolby has permission from the State for a sight line and showed where a driveway would likely have to be. There are plans to build a house at some point in the future, but depending on where it will be built, he will have to come back before the Commission.

Forest Dolby said the old permit under Hull Forest Products was for harvesting dead ash trees, and the new permit now under Forest Dolby is similar in that it creates a safe environment to work. John Wilson reviewed the details of the new permit.

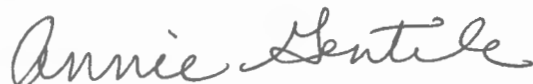
Dave Smith asked when he expected the bulk of the work to be done. Forest Dolby said he hoped to move quickly but it will depend on the weather.

Kurt Mordasky made a motion, seconded by Ricky Dorman, to accept the new Timber Harvest permit at 160 Chestnut Hill Road as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

Hickory Lake made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave Smith. All were in favor. Motion carried. The June 21, 2023 regular meeting of the Stafford Inland Wetlands Commission was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Gentile
Recording Secretary