

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL, LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Dan French, Diane Wolff (7:40), Terry Bellman (Wetlands Agent), Andrew Massey

Absent: Tina Lajoie (I.W.W.A. Clerk)

Others Present: Leslie Eldredge (Recording Secretary)

- a. **Call to order** – Meeting called to order by Chair Parker at 7:34 p.m.
- b. **Roll call** - Mark Parker, Andrew Massey, Marla Butts, Dan French
- c. **Designation of alternates** – None
- d. **Minutes – February 7, 2011**

Corrections as requested by Marla Butts:

1. Page 3 of minutes, 3rd bullet point (page 2, #5), should be corrected to read: The Secretary shall be designated as acting chair for the meeting and he or she will remain as Chair throughout the entire meeting.

2. Page 3 of minutes, 5th bullet point (page 5, #10), should be corrected to read: In the event that both the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are absent at the start of a public hearing and a quorum is present, any regular member may be designated as acting Chair and he or she will remain as Chair throughout the entire meeting. Parker agrees that this amendment be looked into for next meeting.

3. Discussion was made as to how Terry Bellman became a duly authorized agent? Bellman concluded that he was appointed by the Selectmen at the time.

4. There will be further discussion when Lajoie returns on language.

MOTION BY BUTTS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7TH WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION: THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE CURRENT WETLANDS AGENT FOR THE DETAILS AS TO HOW HE WAS APPOINTED AS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT. SECONDED BY FRENCH. MOTION CARRIED. Andrew Massey has abstained.

(Diane Wolff arrived at 7:40.)

e. **Old business –**

1. Application #01-11-01 Eric Werstler, 119 Crooked Trail – Construction of barn Application was submitted at last month's meeting and accepted for consideration. Applicant, Eric Werstler, is present to answer any questions. The property is located on Witches Wood Lake. The barn will be constructed within 20 feet of lake. There will be no underground wiring or plumbing going to the barn. Photographs were requested by the agency to be presented at today's hearing but Werstler could not provide photos because of snow covering since the last meeting. Werstler also stated that the picture wouldn't help as far as grade or where the lake is at this point. Bellman has been to the property and remembers the approximate location. Property is one to two feet above the water surface and flat. There is a two to four foot elevation to the house. There is a four-foot drop and fifteen to twenty feet to the water. The structure will be used for lawn equipment, etc. There was discussion on if the barn would be built on piers or foundation. The owner plans to build onto a slab on grade with footings. There will be proper silt fencing used. Lawn will be kept between lakefront and shed with simple landscaping around the barn. There will be a protected stockpile and a trench around the perimeter of the site. There is a gentle slope between the barn and road; extra material from the excavation will be placed there. Terry will be checking out E & S controls. Work can only commence after Terry inspects property. **MOTION BY BUTTS/MASSEY TO APPROVE #01-11-01. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Application #02-11-02 Joseph & Ann Selmelki, Rte 171 (Map 5785, Block 46, Lot 10A-1) – Driveway Paul Archer of Archer Surveying is present on behalf of Joseph & Ann Selmelki. As discussed at last meeting, the Selmelki's own a wooded 12-acre piece of land. They are looking to build a driveway to access the 12 acres. The engineer recommended that the driveway be paved because of a little slope either side of the road; the pavement will prevent erosion of the road. The frequency of use will be occasional as of now. In about five years they plan to build a house. The engineer also verified the need for two pipes for drainage. Property is not shown under the natural diversity database map for area of endangered species, as confirmed by Tina Lajoie. Discussion was made about a plan of action for a downstream. Archer plans to use silt fencing and/or hay bales. Work to be done in the dry season. **MOTION TO APPROVE #02-11-02 MADE BY BUTTS/MASSEY, WITH SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AS**

INDICATED IN THE APPLICATION, IF THE WETLAND'S AGENT DEEMS NECESSARY, ADDITIONAL E&S CONTROLS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS REQUESTED AND THE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF THE CULVERTS ON THE DRIVEWAY MUST BE DONE IN THE DRY TIME DURING LOW FLOW TIME OF THE YEAR (JULY THROUGH SEPT), AND AS INDICATED IN THE SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPLICATION #02-11-03 Robert Brewster, 36 Dunleavy Drive – Addition

Photos were presented at tonight's meeting by Terry Bellman which he found on his desk. Discussion was made on where the addition would be in relation to the photos as well as changes being made to the original plan. Cannot take further action until documentation is received from public water supply company and additional information is received from last meeting's request.

MOTION MADE BY BUTTS/WOLFF TO TABLE APPLICATION #2-11-03 TO AWAIT THE NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC WATER COMPANY. FOR THE RECORD, PUBLIC ACT 06-53 OF CT GENERAL STATUTES REQUIRES THE NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE PROJECT WATER COMPANY AND PROPOSED PROJECT. APPLICANT WAS ALSO GOING TO PROVIDE THE SLIGHT FOOTPRINT MODIFICATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. New business

1. Tetreault & Son Forest Management, Timber Harvest on Ide Perrin Road and English Neighborhood Road

Brian Tetreault is present and is part owner of Tetreault & Son Forest Management with his father. Tetreault and his brother-in-law do all the harvesting and use a cut to length system. Tetreault explained that they take the trees and the tops they run them down and lay the debris down in front of them to make a matted road. Tetreault explained that they try to keep off of trails and roads that are in really good shape and use their own paths for preservation of walking and hiking trails. The 18-acre lot is a fairly dry lot with some wetlands on it. There is one wetlands crossing in between two landings. Tetreault would like to remove the chains from his machine to get to the English Neighborhood Road to access the landing to eliminate that crossing, but might need to use the wetlands crossing if that plan fails. Chair Parker made the point that there would not be a clear cutting to the area. Tetreault agreed

that they would not be doing that and would be taking only a selection. A discussion was made on mountain laurels and Tetreault said that they would be taken by root to avoid the mountain laurels overtaking the forest. The equipment being used is a harvester and a forwarder. There will be about two truck loads a day coming out of the forest. Tetreault is sensitive to the work being done close to the roadway and states he will carefully select the trees he is taking to minimize the disturbance. Tetreault states that he is Master Logger and certified.

MOTION MADE BY BUTTS/MASSEY TO APPROVE TIMBER HARVEST OPERATION, USE PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION ON IDE PERRIN AND ENGLISH NEIGHBORHOOD ROADS, AS REPRESENTED BY BRIAN TETREAULT AND RECEIVED BY THE IWWA ON FEBRUARY 14, 2011. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. State Permit – Use of pesticides in state waters – Quasset Lake

Massey proposes spreadsheet documentation for state permits on chemicals being added to the lakes that the I.W.W.A. maintains. Butts questions the pesticides being added to the lakes and the effects of repeated use. She suggests a letter being sent to notify what pesticides are being added and what the results were. Massey suggests a digital tracking system. Bellman discusses an online program that was purchased in the building office that might be useful for this project. Massey suggests that a tracking system be created and suggests that this topic be discussed at the next meeting.

**3. 2011 review of IWWA Bylaws – additional corrections
More discussion was made on the bylaws.**

Correction to Page 2, #5 item 2 to read: In the event that both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent at the start of a meeting and a quorum is present, the Secretary “shall” be designated as acting Chair for the meeting and he or she will remain as Chair throughout the entire meeting. Discussion was made on page 5 #10 item c to leave language as is. Discussion was made as to how the bylaws should read for the duly authorized agent. Wolff was asked by Chair Parker to follow up with Tina Lajoie about the bylaw language.

4. PCOD Survey Request

Terry Bellman completed the survey online.

5. Staff Reports – Wetlands Report

There were no jurisdictional rulings made by Terry Bellman because any concerns were brought directly before the agency. Two applications were offered for the 2011 Municipal I.W.W.A. Commissioner training. Diane Wolff is interested.

6. Adjournment – 9:40
MOTION TO ADJOURN BY BUTTS/MASSEY. MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie A. Eldredge,
Recording Secretary