

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.  
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – MEETING ROOM B**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Diane Wolff at 7:14 p.m.
- II. Roll Call** – Marla Butts, Bill Rewinski, Woody Durst, Diane Wolff, Michael Thienel, Tina Lajoie (IWWA Clerk), Terry Bellman, (Wetlands Agent).  
**Absent:** Mark Parker
- III. Appointment of Alternates** – None
- IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – May 7, 2018**  
**Motion by M. Butts, seconded by W. Durst to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried. (Michael Thienel abstains).**

**V. New Business**

**a. Discussion on change in staffing for IWWA/Building/Zoning**

M. Butts explained that she and Mark Parker met with the First Selectman recently and provided a draft of the Recording Secretary and Wetlands Agent job descriptions that would apply to the Woodstock Agent, a more realistic description than might be needed in other more populated towns. Terry Bellman is retiring, currently appointed as Wetlands Agent. It is noted that in the past Tina Lajoie has acted as Wetlands Agent in Terry's absence on many occasions. It is the opinion of IWWA that the BOS may not have understood the Wetlands Agent piece of Terry Bellman's position with the town and they made no plans for the Wetland's Agent or the ZEO. The Town Planner was eliminated and planning services has become a regionalized position through NECCOG leaving no ZEO for the Town. M. Parker & M. Butts requested Tina Lajoie's hours be restored to 37.5 so she could handle the Wetland's Agent work for the town.

After a lengthy discussion with the First Selectman, he did not make any commitments or suggestions and stated no decisions could be made until they decided on the Building Inspector vacancy. It is noted that if no Wetlands Agent is provided and IWWA members resign, then DEEP would take it over but they do not have any resources to handle this. IWWA is a statutorily mandated Agency and is not advisory in their function. M. Butts will inquire at the next BOS meeting as to a decision. Another item to be mentioned will be engineering services through NECCOG and the contract for \$19,203 for services. Town should have a detailed understanding of exactly what we are getting for these services, seems to be unknown. Fee is based on town population. There is concern regarding this contract for service and the work that has been done in the past by the NECCOG Engineer for IWWA did not include the required detail and specifics. IWWA is requesting a print out of expenditures each month for their meeting so they can keep track of what is being spent or available. There was an extensive discussion on the petition.

**b. Neil Frink, 857 Rte 169 (Map 5130, Block 29, Lot 56) – Timber Harvest** – No maps were submitted and there appears to be wetland soils on the lot. Cannot approve without a map showing

where the wood is being cut. No action was taken. **MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO TABLE REQUEST FOR TIMBER HARVEST ON THE LAND OF NEIL FRINK (MAP 5130, BLOCK 39, LOT 56) UNTIL JULY MEETING WITH A REQUEST FOR A MAP, SECONDED BY W. REWINSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. Wetlands Agent Activity Report**

a. Terry Bellman, Wetlands Agent, responds with the following quote to finish out his 30 years of service for the Town of Woodstock: **“We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We’ve been doing so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing.”**

b. Eric Safin, 245 County Rd – building an agricultural building. Agent was able to sign off on permit since the disturbance is in the buffer.

**VII. Citizen’s Comments / other topics**

William Rewinski takes a moment to thank Terry Bellman for his many years of service to the Wetlands Agency and Town of Woodstock.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY W. DURST, SECONDED BY W. REWINSKI AT 08:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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