

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016  
TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Bruce Burnett, Susan Ryan, Robert Wesneski, Victoria Elliott, Alternate Member Robert Orciari, Wetlands Enforcement Officer David Perkins and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond  
Absent: Paul Whiton and Timothy Bobroske

**1. OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

Chairman Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All regular members present are seated with Alternate Member Robert Orciari seated for Regular Member Paul Whiton.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 8/1/16**

R. Wesneski **motioned** to approve the minutes of 8/1/16, seconded by V. Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. RICHARD ZALESKI - CLEAR CUTTING OF PROPERTY WITHIN REGULATED AREAS FOR CREATION OF PASTURE LAND WITHOUT PROPER PERMITS, 38 BARBER ROAD.**

Mr. Zaleski is present. IWZEO Perkins reports that he visited the site on 8/21/16 and noted that the southern side of the property has now been seeded. Land on the western side of the property containing wetlands has not had those wetlands filled; only the buffer area has been filled. Mr. Zaleski has agreed to rip rap the pipe on both sides of the driveway to stop silt from flowing out to the road. IWZEO Perkins states that the property appears to be in good shape. Chairman Burnett questions whether erosion control measures are in place with IWZEO Perkins stating that woodchips have been placed down for erosion control. Chairman Burnett wishes to clarify that clear cutting has taken place in the upland review area but not in the wetlands with IWZEO Perkins stating yes that is correct. S. Ryan states that discussion of a fine for after the fact activities should be addressed with R. Orciari noting that this is a first-time offense and is unlike other after the fact activities that have taken place when applicants were explicitly told not to conduct activities in wetlands without permits and did so anyway. S. Ryan agrees stating that the \$650 after the fact activity fee is a fee beyond what this situation entails. S. Ryan **motioned** to impose a fine of \$170.00, the fee normally collected from applicants for regulated activities, and to approve the project of clear cutting. R. Wesneski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4. PAUL ROSIN – APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL ALONG EDGE OF LAKE HARWINTON, 14 BEACH DRIVE.**

Mr. Rosin is present and provides photos of his property at the edge of Lake Harwinton where he wishes to construct a wall to prevent further erosion from taking place. Large trees close to the lake have root exposure and Mr. Rosin wishes to take measures to prevent them from eventually falling into the lake. The proposed wall, to be placed right in the water, will be 28 inches tall and will be backfilled with dirt to cover the roots. R. Orciari notes that the use of rip rap might be better from a maintenance and ecological standpoint since concrete walls eventually require repair. Mr. Resin states that he is going to use loose stone to make the wall and it will be a sloped wall. Lake Harwinton Association approval has been received. R. Orciari **motioned** to approve this project as a use of right for maintenance, seconded by V. Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. MICHAEL PETERS – APPLICATION FOR 16' X 32' DECK, 76 CATLIN ROAD.**

Mr. Peters is present. Plans titled Improvement Location Survey by Dufour Surveying Associates dated 4/28/10 shows the proposed deck to be 25.9' to the edge of Lake Harwinton. Mr. Peters notes that the house is located only 49' from the water's edge. Piers will be placed close to the edge of the lake with holes dug by hand and concrete mixed and poured by hand. Lake Harwinton Association approval has been received. R. Orciari **motioned** that the application is a Zoning signoff with no impact to wetlands, seconded by R. Wesneski. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

LUC Redmond reports Inland Wetland application signoffs as follows:

- 1) Pickett Brook Properties, 471 Plymouth Road – 24' x 28' garage. No wetlands on property.
- 2) Fred Van Allen, 23 Stone Hedge Court – 16' x 14' shed. No wetlands on property.
- 3) Holly Gillis, 67 Laurel Road – 10' x 14' addition to deck. No wetlands on property.

7. **COMPLAINTS/ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.**

None.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

None.

9. **INVOICES.**

None.

10. **ADJOURN.**

V. Elliott **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by R. Wesneski. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond  
Land Use Coordinator

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