

Hampton IWWA Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 5, 2017
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A Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at the Town Office Building.

Stan Crawford called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present for the Board: Stan Crawford; Michael Quick; Dave Goodrich; Heather Bonneksen.

Staff and Others Present: John Valente, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Dayna McDermott-Arriola, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Crawford introduced newly appointed member Heather Bonneksen.

Item 1: Audience for Citizens: none.

Item 2: Additions to the Agenda:

Motion: Heather Bonneksen, seconded by Michael Quick, to add Application of John Trowbridge to Agenda under Item 5: New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of July 13, 2017

Motion: Michael Quick, seconded by Stan Crawford, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2017. Motion carried 2-0, Dave Goodrich and Heather Bonneksen abstaining.

Item 4: Old Business: none.

Item 5: New Business:

1. Notification of Timber Harvest on Pomfret Road: Robert Rondeau, Landowner; John Trowbridge, Forester. Removal of over-mature, dying, and poor quality trees. Plan includes stream/drainage crossing, removal of trees in upland review area, installation of water bars, grading and seeding as needed.

John Valente informed members that this is not a regulated activity as it involves neither the filling of a watercourse or a stream crossing. John Trowbridge explained that a temporary bridge crosses the temporary wetlands. Chairman Crawford noted the importance of referencing the Diversity Data Base, though this particular application is not impacted, and reported that the Department is not currently staffed.

Motion: Heather Bonneksen, seconded by Dave Goodrich, to accept the Notification of Timber Harvest on Pomfret Road. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Notification of Timber Harvest on Old Town Pound Road: Alan Freeman, Landowner; Don Dubois, Forester. Salvage dead and dying oak trees resulting from repeated defoliations by gypsy moth caterpillars, in accordance with the Forest Management Plan prepared for the property in conformance with the NRCS/EQIS Program as approved by the USDA. Plan involves temporary stream/drainage crossing, removal of trees in upland review area, installation of water bars, and seeding.

John Valente explained that a portable bridge and rip-rap would be used for the wetlands crossing. Heather Bonneksen noted the potential damage to the portion of unimproved Town road at the landing area. John Valente said he would discuss this with the Highway Department Foreman.

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Motion: Heather Bonneksen, seconded by Dave Goodrich, to approve the Notification of Timber Harvest on Old Town Pound Road. Motion carried unanimously.

3. WP0817-01: John Trowbridge, Applicant; 136 Lewis Road. Proposed Activity: Access road and permanent stream crossing designed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for low grade timber harvest approved by Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

John Valente presented the site plans submitted by John Trowbridge illustrating the rock ford crossing and water bars to be used during the operation. Mr. Trowbridge explained that the plan removes poor quality growth in order to allow for new, healthy growth.

Motion: Heather Bonneksen, seconded by Dave Goodrich, to approve the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6: No Permit Necessary: none.

Item 7: WEO Report

1. Monthly Report: John Valente submitted a report to the Planning & Zoning Commission on activities of the IWWA, which he will forward to agency members.
2. Duly Authorized Agent Report: none.

Item 8: Communications:

Connecticut Wildlife May/June 2017

Membership Renewal and Conference Notice for Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District newsletter

Item 9: Discuss and Act on any other Business:

Heather Bonneksen asked if the Highway Department appeared before the IWWA to report on activity and questioned the recent excavation on Windy Hill involving drainage. Chairman Crawford said that the First Selectman reports on activity when necessary and will speak to the Foreman directly concerning the activity on Windy Hill.

Item 10: Audience for Citizens: none.

Item 11: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Agency, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayna McDermott-Arriola
Recording Secretary

