

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT
Monday, May 7, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Vice-Chair Tom Archambault, Secretary Ron Wikholm, Ian Dann, William Ross, Carol Ann Jaswinski

Members Excused: Tip Garritt

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent John Valente, Board Clerk Terri Lasota

Others Present: Mary Roickle

Call to Order: John Allen called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Roll Call-Seat Alternates: None

Additions/Changes in order of Agenda: None

Audience of Citizens:

Mary Roickle of Erdoni Road, Columbia, and a member of the Lake Management Committee, talked about the **phragmites** issue around the lake. She explained that research shows herbicides are only thing that works to effectively remove them, and the best time for treatment is August/September. The D.E.P. has confirmed that permitting is needed for the herbicide application.

M. Roickle and the IWWC commission members discussed the areas in need of treatment, the treatment scheduling, resident consent, and the cost. Ian Dann suggested that the treatment for 2019 be included with the initial pricing to deflect any potential costs increases.

M. Roickle said LMAC Motioned the Board of Selectmen to hire **SOLitude** and treat the phragmites in the last week of August for the initial treatment, and the second treatment following 4-6 weeks later, before the first hard frost. M. Roickle requested the IWWC make a similar motion to the Board of Selectmen prior to their May 15, 2018 meeting.

1. Old Business:

1.1 Election of Officers:

C. Jaswinski **MOTIONED** to **NOMINATE:**

John Allen as **Chairman**

Tom Archambault as **Vice Chairman**

Ron Wikholm as **Secretary**

I. Dann **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0**

1.2 IWWC-1718-11: Application of 6 & 66 Properties, LLC (owner) and Mark Reynolds P.E. (agent), for placement of fill over a historical landfill in conformance with an approved D.E.E.P. closure plan, at 0 Route 66 East, Columbia, CT. Assessor's Map 10, Lot# 92

John Valente reviewed the application noting that he was satisfied with the current status of the property, then read the conditions and summary ruling, and description of construction sequence for the record.

R. Wikholm **MOTIONED** to **APPROVE** the application with conditions; C. Jaswinski **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0**

2. New Business:

John Valente talked about Chick Shifrin and 56 Route 66, noting the improvement to the area.

3. Audience of Citizens: None

4. Commission Open Discussion: None

5. Administrative Reports:

John Valente reviewed and briefly discussed the Administrative Approvals granted since the last meeting in February. He and the board members also discussed the beach project, and the building on route 66 in the flood plain.

J. Valente also mentioned the Eastern Soil and Water Conservation District and their funding of 2 rain gardens per town and their implementation at the beach. Ian Dann suggested putting one at the school for educational purposes.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2018:

R. Wikholm **MOTIONED** to **APPROVE** the meeting minutes of 02/05/2018.

C. Jaswinski **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0**

7. Correspondence:

7.1 The Habitat (Winter/Spring 2018)

8. Adjournment:

R. Wikholm **MOTIONED** to **ADJOURN**; C. Jaswinski **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6:0:0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Lasota, Board Clerk

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.