

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT
Monday, February 5, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Secretary/Ron Wikholm, Ian Dann, William Ross, Vice-Chair/Tom Archambault
Members Excused: Chairman/John Allen , Tip Garritt, Carol Ann Jaswinski
Staff Present: Wetlands Agent/John Valente, Board Clerk/Terri Lasota
Others Present: Rob Hellstrom

Call to Order: Tom Archambault called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
Roll Call-Seat Alternates: None
Additions/Changes in order of Agenda: None
Audience of Citizens: None

1. Old Business

1.1 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

T. Archambault read the application into record and J. Valente reviewed the specifics. Commission members discussed the current status of the area. J. Valente noted that no new fill has been deposited into the area since the site walk. T. Archambault asked if the plan was to seed 100% of the disturbance in the spring; J. Valente said part of it would be to minimize the drainage going through the area, which could be done with silt fence above it but then all that would be left is approximately 150ft of water shed. He added that with the silt fence below, it shouldn't be a problem. Because of the minimal manpower working on this, worst case is that the issue would perhaps have to be endured for another season.

B. Ross asked about the amount of water that went over the silt fence. J. Valente said there is approx 192ft of silt fence and due to the amount of rain there should have been several check dams to prevent the water from running off to the lowest points. J. Valente said he checks the site once per week and has not yet seen any changes, and does not foresee any major issues.

The commission members **TABLED** the application until March/April.

2. New Business

2.1 IWWC-1718-14: Application of Fairview Farms, LLC (owner) and Rob Hellstrom (agent) for a proposed sub division for 6 new house lots; driveway of lot #1 which is to be gravel and possibly pavement is within 100 feet of the upland review area, at 301 Route 66 South (CL&P Pole #516), Columbia, CT. Assessor's Map 28, Lot #21

T. Archambault read the application into record. John Valente noted that this is now considered OLD BUSINESS and has been automatically RECEIVED, as the previous month's meeting was cancelled by the weather.

R. Hellstrom presented the application and explained the topography and wetlands area, proposed septic areas. He noted that they are all 5 acre lots and preferred for hay fields.

J. Valente noted that this area was not a naturally occurring wetlands, but because of water being diverted. The commission members discussed the sloping topography and concerns of the accumulative water drainage to the

lowest area. They also discussed retention basins and berming action.

The members asked about proposed lot #1, and the 20x64 ft detention. J. Valente asked about the height of the water in that detention. R. Hellstrom noted that there was going to be a berm and the height of the berm would be 12 inches.

W. Ross asked if the driveway area was curved for runoff into the basin, R. Hellstrom said it was curved and that there would be swales in place. He added that they are only grading the existing driveway, removing topsoil and replacing it with gravel.

T. Archambault asked how the C/O's would be handled regarding the detention basins, J. Valente replied that before any excavating starts for the houses, the detention basins should be put in, and then they could also be used during the construction to divert flow from the work site area. This would be one of the conditions for the permit/summary ruling. J. Valente added that it should be put into the plans that to avoid compaction while constructing the berm, no machinery is to access or be parked in that area.

J. Valente read the Summary Ruling into record.

R. Wikholm **MOTIONED** to **APPROVE** the application; T. Archambault **SECONDED**.
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

2.2 Election of Officers: TABLED until the 03-05-2018 meeting.

3. Audience of Citizens: None

4. Commission Open Discussion:

4.1 IWWC 2018 Budget

No discussion since the budget is remaining basically the same as last year.
The commission members briefly discussed the use of drones for enforcement.

5. Administrative Reports:

J. Valente reviewed permit activity ongoing at several locations including 32 Erdoni Road and the town beach.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017:

R. Wikholm **MOTIONED** to **APPROVE** the Dec. 4, 2017 minutes as written.

W. Ross **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0**

7. Correspondence: None

8. Adjournment :

W. Ross **MOTIONED** to **ADJOURN**; R. Wikholm **SECONDED**. **MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Terri Lasota, Board Clerk

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