

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013  
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

COPY RECEIVED  
DATE: 10/11/13  
TIME: 8:35 AM  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members in Attendance: Steve Plotkin, Ralph Noel, Kevin Stanis,  
Lisa Andrzejewski

Members Absent: John Conroy

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement  
Officer, Attorney Fred Stanek

Chm. Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Wetlands Violation, 28 Moss Avenue.

Kevin Dokla, property owner, was present. Mr. Plotkin asked if he had a plot plan. Mr. Dokla stated that the property was surveyed and it was available at the site walk. Mr. Noel stated that during the site walk on September 11<sup>th</sup> he determined the scope of the damage from the tree cutting within the 100 foot review area. He stated that he counted twelve trees that were cut down and felt that the one on the bank was the most damaging.

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that she also did the site walk and in speaking with the property owner determined that the reason for the cutting was because of damage caused by the recent hurricane. Mr. Dokla presented pictures of the trees that were taken down.

Mr. Plotkin stated that a remediation plan needs to be submitted to the Commission for their review. Mr. Stanis felt that there was more vegetation with the trees gone. He stated that this is a very crowded area and thought that it could be left the way it is. He stated that it gets more sun and more vegetation has grown in that area. Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that she felt that what was there now is not as valuable as the trees were and not really good quality. Mr. Plotkin felt that trees should be planted. Mr. Noel felt that the bank needs to be shaded and trees should be planted. Mr. Plotkin stated that the area needs to be protected. Mr. Dokla stated that he thought that the tree service he hired would be the job correctly. Mr. Plotkin stated that the tree service is somewhat responsible and they should have come in for a permit. Atty. Stanek stated that the jurisdiction is over the property owner. Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that there is invasive vegetation there that needs to be cleared out. Mr. Dokla stated that they do want to clear it out. Mr. Plotkin stated that they need to submit a plan of what they propose to do and go through the permit process.

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Mr. Jezierny stated that a lot of the forest is still there protecting the stream. He felt that a few trees should be planted. Atty. Stanek stated that the property owner should stake the property line so that he will stay within his property. He also stated that any remedial work and clearing should be shown on the plan that he submits.

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that the Commission should make sure that the plan is submitted within a certain time frame so that it does not take several months to rectify the situation and the violation does not continue. Atty. Stanek stated that the Enforcement Officer already found that there is a violation and issued a fine. Mr. Dokla stated that he has paid the fine and would like to get this done. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission wants this done in a timely manner. Atty. Stanek stated that at this time of the year there is just a small window of planting time left. Mrs. Andrzejewski felt that this is not a small project and the Commission should get the remediation plan within the next couple of weeks. They can review the plan and work with the property owner on it if the Commission has any problem with what is submitted. The plantings can be done in the spring as long as a plan is submitted. Mr. Plotkin advised the property owner to come back to the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with a plan and drawings and include a time line.

#### Commission Training

Mr. Jezierny presented copies of a brochure on DEEP training session which deals with soils. He also presented copies of a newsletter from DEEP

#### Minutes

MOTION: K. Stanis/R. Noel to approve the minutes of the 08/26/13 meeting. Motion Carried 4-0.

MOTION: K. Stanis/L. Andrzejewski to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried: 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryanne DeTullio  
Recording Secretary