

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013  
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Steve Plotkin, John Conroy, Ralph Noel,  
Kevin Stanis

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement  
Officer

Commissioner Conroy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Wetlands Violation, 28 Moss Avenue

Mr. Jezierny stated that he received a phone call from people in the neighborhood complaining that trees were being cut down on property lines and the wetlands. He stated that he sent a letter to the property owner, Kevin Dokla indicating that trees were removed from a watercourse area and informing him that it is a violation of the wetlands regulations. He also informed him that this was the second incident and the fine would be \$100.00. He was also instructed to appear at the April meeting of the Commission to explain what he was doing and to refrain from any further work on his property. Mr. Jezierny presented a GIS map of the property and pictures of the area. The stream in the rear goes into Sochrin's Pond. Mr. Jezierny noted that the fine has been paid.

Kevin Dokla was present and stated that the work was being done by Out On A Limb Tree Service and the materials taken off site. Mr. Conroy stated that the Commission will need to get in touch with the tree company and have them informed that they should not have been cutting trees in that area. Mr. Dokla stated that the trees are on his property. Mr. Jezierny stated that the area behind his property is an open area that belongs to the Town.

Attorney Jonathan Klein was present representing Mr. Dokla and he stated that his client was having his property surveyed. Mr. Dokla stated that he was going by the stakes that are there and the survey will verify that it is his property. He also stated that the trees had been uprooted during the last storms.

Mr. Conroy asked the depth of his lot. Mr. Dokla stated that he is questioning the location of the stream in relation to his property and the survey will verify that as well.

Atty. Klein stated that the trees came down and fell across the stream. Mr. Dokla removed it and thought that he was doing a service to the Town. The trees in the area are being choked off by thick vines and other vegetation.

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Mr. Conroy stated that the Commission now requires wetlands stakes to be put on properties so that a property owner is aware of where they can work and what is the review area and wetlands. Atty. Klein stated that the tree service that was hired should have known where the work could be done. Mr. Conroy stated that the Commission will need to wait for the survey to see where the property lines are.

Sam Mirlis, 24 Moss Avenue, stated that there are wetlands in front and back and rows of evergreens. He presented pictures of the trees. He stated that the trees were a natural barrier on the property.

Mr. Conroy stated that he would like to have all the members to a site walk and see the property. He stated that he would also like to have someone from the tree service at the next meeting. Mr. Noel stated that he would like to wait for the survey to be done before doing the site walk. Mr. Conroy stated that there is no regular meeting in May but a special meeting could be scheduled for the end of the month or beginning of June.

Atty. Klein stated that his client has paid the fine and he asked what the goal of the Commission was. Mr. Conroy stated that some plantings may have to be done in that area to prevent further damage and once the survey and site walks are done the Commission will be in a better position to make a decision.

MOTION: R. Noel/K. Stanis to table the matter to a future meeting.  
Motion Carried 3-0.

#### Wetlands Training Sessions, 2013

Mr. Jezierny stated that he did not have any information at this time regarding the training sessions. He stated that he will notify the members once he receives the information. He also directed them to the DEP website for information.

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Budget Transfer, Travel Expenses


Mr. Jezierny stated that there is an insufficient appropriation in the travel expense line item. It is recommended that a transfer be made from two other line items totaling \$309.99 which would be sufficient to cover the travel expenses through the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION: R. Noel/K. Stanis to approve the transfers.  
Motion Carried 3-1 with Mr. Conroy opposed.

MOTION: S. Plotkin/R. Noel adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried: 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary