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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012  
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

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

Member Absent: Elise Wood

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

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

1. Walking Trails, 10 Edwards Road

Mr. Conroy stated that the property owner had constructed walking paths along the wetlands. He stated that he was at the property and it is a wetlands violation but the work has already been done. He stated that he would like to see it left as it is and no more wood chips added to the area. He stated that the Wetlands Enforcement Officer will check the property every few months to make sure that nothing is being done. He did not feel that a fine or anything needed to be done and it is fine if left as is

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel That the property be left as it is with no further work done with the walking paths and no fine be levied.  
Motion Carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Plotkin abstaining.

1. Dredge Pond, 132 Silvermine Road

Fred Watt was present. Mr. Jezierny stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Watt and advised him to submit an application with a plan of what he wanted to do. Mr. Watt stated that he would like to remove about 2,000 yards of material from the pond. It will be spread out and surrounded by wood chips. He stated that there are no wetlands and it is a gently sloping area. He stated that he needs to get the silt out of the pond before it gets into the pipes. The material will remain on the property. Mr. Conroy stated that he would like to see a silt fence around it.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel to accept the application from L & L Rentals to dredge the pond at 132 Silvermine Road.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel to approve the permit for L & L Rentals to for removal of silt from the pond at 132 Silvermine Road.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

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3. IWE0 Job Description

Mr. Jezierny stated that he was asked by the First Selectman to submit a job description. The Commission needs to review the job description prepared by the First Selectman. The Commission can add anything to it and it will then be reviewed and approved by the First Selectman. He noted that attending all meetings is listed twice. Mr. Conroy felt that under essential duties it should be added that he will inspect visibly catch basins and culverts, box culverts and detention ponds and alert Public Works immediately in writing and by phone and follow up to insure action. The location and conditions should be recorded on the monthly report. Mr. Conroy stated that the Commission also needs to set the hours of work and this should be based on what is in the budget. He felt that it should be two days per week with two hours each day for office hours and four hours could be spent on job sites and complaints for a total of eight hours per week. He felt that the Commission should specify how many hours are spent in town hall. Mr. Jezierny presented some daily log sheets which includes mileage for the Commission's review. Mr. Plotkin agreed that eight hours per week was sufficient.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel to submit the duties and responsibilities  
To the Board of Selectmen – 8 hours per week – 2 hours a  
day at town hall from 4:00 to 6:00 and four hours as needed  
for site visits, inspections or complaints and a monthly  
written report submitted to the Commission  
Motion Carried 4-0.

The Wetland Enforcement Officer term expired on July 20<sup>th</sup> and no action has been taken by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Conroy stated that a letter was received from the First Selectman that this is a four year term currently held by Peter Jezierny and the Commission should submit a recommendation for the appointment of this position.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel, to recommend to the First Selectman that the  
term for Wetlands Enforcement Officer is one year from July 1<sup>st</sup>  
to June 30<sup>th</sup> and reviewed each year during budget preparation  
to determine salary based on the work load anticipated by  
the Commission. The position will be offered to Peter Jezierny  
from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 30, 2013 working e hours per week at a  
yearly salary of \$5,000.00.  
Motion Carried 4-0.

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5. Other Business

34 Roosevelt Drive

James Halligan was present. Mr. Jezierny stated that in June he discovered that a building had been constructed at 34 Roosevelt Drive on the Housatonic River. He stated that he investigated and found a well constructed boathouse. The structure is anchored to the bottom of the highway embankment and goes down to the river. He did have a permit from the DOT to put in the concrete blocks at the base of the embankment but did not have permission to build the stairs which is an encroachment. Mr. Jezierny stated that he has contacted DOT regarding this matter but has not gotten any response from them. Mr. Plotkin felt that this was something that should be handled by the DOT and not Seymour. Mr. Conroy felt that the Commission should not make any decision since it is on State property. He stated that if it is approved by them then the Commission can sign off on it. Mr. Halligan stated that the building has no doors or windows and a DOT inspector told him that they would have to do the same for everyone along the River. He stated that he was told the only encroachment was the stairs. It was determined that the Commission would take no action on this.

Mr. Conroy stated that a request was received from Bob Rich, North Benham Road to cut a narrow strip of trees and brush in two areas. He stated that one of the areas was at one time designated as wetlands but it is not wetlands. Mr. Rich wants to clean the area and it is a small sump area. He wanted the Commission to be aware of what he will be doing.

19 Smith Haven Road – The foundation is being poured. It was noted that no wetland markers are up. Mr. Noel stated that the silt fence was put in. Mr. Conroy stated that it is close to the book and the markers should be put up.

Mr. Plotkin stated that there have been some issues in town with trees being cut down at job sites. The Commission is going to be looking at bonding to eliminate that type of action. He stated that if there is a bond there would be a way to fine the contractor. He stated that the Commission will have to come up with some figures on this and get it into the regulations. It will become part of the application and will also have to be reviewed by town counsel.

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6. Minutes Special Meeting June 5, 2012 – this item was tabled.


Minutes, Regular Meeting – June 25, 2012

MOTION: J. Conroy/K. Stanis to approve the minutes of the  
June 25, 2012 regular meeting.  
Motion Carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Plotkin abstaining.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried: 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary