

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012
FLAHERTY ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

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

Members Absent: Bill Banks, Elise Wood

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Inland Wetlands Enforcement
Officer

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

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel, to open the meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion of the Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer position and performance
(Possible Executive Session - Personnel)

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel, to table this item to the next meeting in
order to have the full Board present.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public present wishing to speak.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel, to reject the budget as submitted.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R. Noel to form a new budget proposal for
FY 2012/2013.

Mr. Plotkin stated that he reviewed the budget that was submitted. Mr. Conroy stated that he also reviewed it and prepared a new proposed budget. Mr. Noel also submitted a proposed budget. Mr. Plotkin stated that the social security line item is based on the salary amount and something that the Commission does not determine. Mr. Noel stated that he based his proposed budget on the current work load. He proposed an hourly rate for the position at \$20.00. Mr. Conroy stated that there has been a lack of activity related to this Commission and it is approximately 75% below the last few years. He did not feel that the position required the same amount of hours. Mr. Jezierny stated that at this time he works from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday through Thursday. He stated that he has office hours in the morning and then is out on the road in the afternoon. Mr. Conroy proposed an hourly rate of \$12.50 and felt that

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eight hours a week was sufficient to handle the amount of work that there is. He felt that the hours could be split between office hours and inspection work. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission was previously generating enough in fees to cover this position but since the amount of applications has diminished there are not enough fees being collected to cover the salary. He also felt that 8 hours was ample time to do the job. Mr. Plotkin and Mr. Conroy both felt that \$12.50 per hour was a fair rate for the job.

Mr. Jezierny stated that he has been going out with Nafis & Young to do water testing. He also stated that he has been dealing with the work that the WPCA is doing. Mr. Plotkin stated that when the permit was granted to WPCA one of the conditions of the permit was that Mr. Jezierny would go out with Nafis & Young and specified which trees could be cut and which would stay. He also stated that there is no need to continue to go out and mark trees.

The Commissioners went through the other line items and determined that the proposed budget would be as follows: Salary – Inspector - \$5,000.00; Board Secretary Fees - \$800.00; Education Meeting & Seminars - \$390.00; Communications - \$480.00; Travel - \$500.00 and General Supplies - \$200.00.

The discussed the line item entitled “Other” and Mr. Jezierny stated that Nafis & Young is paid from that line item for some water quality testing done throughout the year. Mr. Noel asked how many tests are done during the year. Mr. Jezierny stated that there are three sites with four main outlets.

Mr. Plotkin felt that the item should be for other professional services in the event that the Commission may need legal advice from the town attorney it could be covered by this line item. The Commissioners agreed to propose the line item for other professional services at \$1,500.00. The total budget proposed, less the social security line item would be \$8,870.00.

The vote on the motion to form a new budget proposal for fiscal 2012/2013 as outlined above was 3-0.

MOTION: J. Conroy/R.Noel, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried: 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary

