



Town of
NORTH STONINGTON, CT
Inland Wetlands Commission

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

New Town Hall
Conference Room
40 Main Street
North Stonington, CT 06359

Minutes Approved ~ January 10, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Mark Grigg called the Regular Meeting of the Inland Wetlands Commission to order on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:02 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mark Grigg, Vice-Chair, Kevin Geary, Candy Palmer, Ron Lewis and Cody Bill

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Asa Palmer, Marvin Chase, Jr. and Robert Miner

STAFF PRESENT:

Wayne Berardi, Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Administrative Assistant Cheryl Konsavitch

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

3. MINUTES:

Review minutes of Regular meeting of 11/08/17

**MOTION by K. Geary, SECOND by C. Bill to approve the draft minutes of 11/08/17 as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

#17-113 Application of J.M.D. Francesca, 144 Ross Road, Preston, CT 06365 for property owned by Dave Walters for the construction of a detached garage (24 x 24) within a 100' of a regulated inland wetlands on property located at 189 Cossaduck Hill Road in an R-80 zone. Tax Map #69, Lot #4619

Mr. Francesca and Mr. Walters were present for this application.

Mr. Francesca went over the application with the Commission stating the proposed garage is in the best location possible for this lot. WEO Berardi stated the proposed garage is near the wetlands and he is unable to sign off on it. The Commission will do individual site walks and the applicant will return to the Commission's January 10th meeting.

7. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

Madeline Jeffery and Dick Seager gave a power point presentation on the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild & Scenic Rivers Study

Mrs. Jeffery stated a Wild and Scenic River are certain selected rivers of the Nation which possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved and protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Mrs. Jeffery stated there are 209 Wild & Scenic Rivers with 8 in New England, 2 in CT and none in RI.

Some of the presentation included the rivers under study, the early process, what wild and scenic designation does, what wild and scenic does not do, what does the study involve, the benefits to the Towns and what you can do.

Mrs. Jeffery and Mr. Seager stated they are looking for a letter to the Selectmen with the Commission's support of the Wild and Scenic Rivers designations in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. The Commission stated they would like to review the stewardship plan when it is available before sending a letter of support.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION by K. Geary, SECOND by C. Bill to nominate Mark Grigg as Chairman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Grigg is Chairman

MOTION by M. Grigg, SECOND by R. Lewis to nominate C. Palmer as Vice-Chairman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Candy Palmer is Vice-Chair

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by C. Palmer, SECOND by K. Geary to adjourn the Inland Wetlands Commission Meeting at 8:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectively Submitted,

Cheryl Konsavitch

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Administrative Assistant, Inland Wetlands Commission