

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2016**

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, Robert Putnam, Mike Humphreys, David Schneider, Mickey Goldfine, Ernie Dech, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper, Trish Viola, Clerk

ABSENT: None

Chairman, Frank Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**I. SITE WALKS –
Nothing to report**

II. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Hedy Cihanck – 23 Candlewood Lake Drive – Violation # 04-16
(Clearing of Trees/Understory, Blocking (Filling) A Watercourse with Cut Tree Branches/Brush Debris and Channelizing A Watercourse within an established Review Area without the Required Permit/License).**

No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Cihanck. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he is meeting with the applicant on December 22, 2016. Officer Cooper will report back to the Commission at the January 2017 meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.

- 2. Town of Sherman – Saw Mill Road. – Veteran's Field – Application 20-16
(Cutting of trees and removing invasive vines around the walking track all within the established review area).**

Mr. Don Borkowski attended the meeting representing the Town of Sherman. Mr. Borkowski told Commissioners that he met with Enforcement Officer Cooper and created a plan for extended maintenance of this site. Commissioners reviewed the plan and had several questions. After a long discussion, Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper before starting any work – (3) no cutting to be done along the shore line – (4) no work to be done beyond 15 ft. from the edge of track – (5) wetlands areas should not be cut at all - (6) install flag markers for setback of 15 ft. from the edge of track – (7) any invasive that are cut are to be removed from site – (8) fence area along Sawmill Brook will have a 2 ft. setback at the south end of property. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Timothy Holland – 8 Hardscrabble Road – Application # 24-16 ----WITHDRAWN
(Install curtain drain & downstream drainage per sketch & to eliminate dangerous icing condition on public road – replace an existing curtain drain with new pipe and stone into existing catch basin all within the established review area).**

Mr. Don Borkowski of the Town of Sherman Highway Dept. explained to the Commissioners the situation. At this time the application is being withdrawn and may be submitted at a future date.

Commissioner Putnam recused himself.

2. **Robert Putnam – 19 Orchard Rest Road – Application # 25-16**
(Landscaping Buffer Plan – installed boulders, new bulkhead, run electrical line for lighting all within the established review area).

Mr. Putnam attended the meeting. Mr. Putnam explained to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plans, and accepted the application. Commissioners schedule a site walk for 1-8-17 with a snow date of 1-15-17. Will be on next month's agenda.

IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**
PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:

Permits:

Permit # 05-15- Paul Wolansky – 161 Green Pond Road – Officer Cooper reported work has begun.

Permit # 14-16 – Doug Cushnie – 44 Mill Pond Road – Officer Cooper reported work has begun.

Permit # 22-16 – Town of Sherman – Anderson Road & Anderson Rd. Ext. – Officer Cooper reported work will start soon.

Extensions:

Nothing to report

Violations:

See above.

Reports:

Nothing to report.

V. **MINUTES:**
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Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Dech. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. Affidavit of Publication – 11-28-16
- B. Connecticut Wildlife-September/October 2016
- C. Registry of the Society of Soil scientists of Southern New England

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dech. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary