

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman, David Schneider, Mickey Goldfine, Ernie Dech, Enforcement Officer Ron Cooper

ABSENT: Mike Humphreys, Robert Putnam, Trish Viola, Clerk

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

I. SITE WALKS – OCTOBER 23, 2016

Town of Sherman – Saw Mill Road – Veteran’s Fields – Application # 20-16

(Cutting of trees and removing invasive vines around the walking track all within the established review area).

Catherine Sicotte Levesque – 35 Ledgewood Drive – Application # 23-16

(Addition, deck, courtyard and update septic all within the established review area).

Town of Sherman – Anderson Road & Anderson Rd. Ext – Application # 22-16

(Construct a new stone headwall & new lined swale all within the established review area).

Joshua & Wendy Quinby – 10 Atchison Cove Road – Application # 18-16

(Addition & Alterations all within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioners agreed to move applications on the agenda.

3. Joshua & Wendy Quinby – 10 Atchison Cove Road – Application # 18-16

(Addition & Alterations all within the established review area).

Mrs. Quinby attended the meeting. Chairman, Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Commissioners requested that Mrs. Quinby show on the plan where the stock pile and the erosion controls will be placed. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during the duration of the project – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper at least 48 hours before starting work – (3) all erosion controls in place before any work begins. Commissioner Goldfine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

6. Catherine Sicotte Levesque – 35 Ledgewood Drive – Application # 23-16

(Addition, deck, courtyard and update septic all within the established review area).

Mr. Jeremy Oskandy, Agent for Howland & Assoc. attended the meeting representing Mrs. Levesque. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Oskandy described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Mr. Oskandy showed on the plan where the stock pile will be located and the erosion controls that will be place. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during the duration of the project – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper at least 24 hours before starting work – (3) all erosion controls must be install prior to the start of any work. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

1. **Hedy Cihanck – 23 Candlewood Lake Drive – Violation # 04-16**
(Clearing of Trees/Understory, Blocking (Filling) A Watercourse with Cut Tree Branched/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 spoke with the applicant and she will be in town in December and agreed to meet with Officer Cooper on December 22, 2016. Commissioners agree that it's good there's movement and Officer Cooper will have them start removing debris and meet with a contractor before any other work is done. Officer Cooper will report back to the Commission at the January 2017 meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.
 2. **Farview Farms – Subdivision – Anderson Road – Permit # 11-06**
(Extension)
No one attended the meeting representing Farview Farms. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that he has worked with the Town Attorney regarding the dates of this application, the court date of the approval and that an extension could be approved. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that no changes have been made to the regulations that would affect this extension. Commissioner Goldfine had some concerns about issuing a possible 5 years extension, considering that environmental changes could happen. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Schneider made motion to approve this extension for 5 years, seconded by Commissioner Deck. Commissioner Goldfine abstained. Motion passed unanimously. Granted
 4. **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).
No one attended the meeting representing the Town of Sherman. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Enforcement Officer Cooper told Commissioners that the Town must be held accountable for doing work without a permit. All the work that was done was a violation. Commissioners had several questions regarding how much more work will they want to do. After a long discussion, Commissioners requested a plan to review showing the current footprint of activity and any additional work to be done. Commissioners also talked about a possible permit for extended maintenance of this site. Enforcement Officer Cooper will meet with Town Supervisor Don Borkowski to discuss the work and create a plan. Commissioners agreed to continue this application until next month's meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.
 5. **Town of Sherman – Anderson Road Ext & Anderson Road – Application # 22-16**
(Construct a new stone headwall and new lined swale all within the established review area).
No one attended the meeting representing the Town of Sherman. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Goldfine made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site during the duration of the project – (2) contact Enforcement Officer Cooper at least 24 hours before starting work – (3) Officer Cooper to oversee the project – (4) all sediment should be removed immediately. Commissioner Dech seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.
- III. **NEW BUSINESS:**
Nothing to report.
- IV. **REVIEW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:**
PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:
Permits:
Permit # 13-16 – Town of Sherman – Briggs Hill Road – Officer Cooper reported that the road was paved but no drainage work was done. Officer Cooper feels this could be a problem at some point.
Permit # 16-19 – Paul Ormiston – 5 Oak Drive – Officer Cooper reported this was a septic failure and needed to replace the tank only and work is complete.

Extensions:

Nothing to report

Violations:

See above.

Reports:

Nothing to report.

V. MINUTES:

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Commissioner Dech made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Affidavit of Publication – 10-27-16
- B. The Habitat – Fall 2016
- C. CT. Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection – regarding Timber Lake Dam.

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary