

Town of Andover
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9th, 2023 – 7:00pm
Location: Land Use Office, Town Hall, 17 School Road

Members Present: Bill Munroe, Jan Maschi, Duncan Phyfe, Brad Kelle

Members Absent: Jed Larson

Wetlands Agent: Joe Wagner

Board Clerk: Marina Pandolfi

Public Present: none

1. Call to Order – Bill Munroe called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2. Roll Call/ Seating of Alternates – Commission Members introduced themselves – welcomed Brad Kelle. No alternates sat.

3. Changes in Order to Agenda – none

4. Approval of Minutes

a. December 4th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – Jan Maschi MOTIONED to approve the December 4th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Brad Kelle SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

5. Public Comment – none

6. Old Business – Discussion/Possible Action – none

7. New Business – Discussion/Possible Action

a. Jurisdictional Ruling Review #IWWC 24-01 (JR): D.J. Fowler, 48 Merritt Valley Road. Two wetlands' crossings for a timber harvest with patch cuts for expansion of agricultural land.

Commission reviewed photos Agent Wagner took of property and crossings – gave brief run through of proposed timber harvest, cuts for expansion of land for fruit trees. Discussion on statutes, uses of land, condition of land & soil – ready to go on January 10th, 2024. No cutting will be done in wetlands area – look to put temporary bridges/corduroy. Property has been previously harvested (on record in Wetlands Office) – road going into logging area – no confirmed vernal pools on property.

Reviewed letter of recommendations for the timber harvest.

Bill Munroe MOTIONED that the proposed timber harvest and associated patch cuts and watercourse crossings on the property of 48 Merritt Valley Road is permitted as-of-right pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Andover Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. Jan Maschi SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0

8. Agent Report/Enforcement Actions – Agent Wagner updated Commission on 63 Bunker Hill Road timber harvest – met with Hank Gruener (Conservation Commission) and Austin Harmon (forester) to walk the property; project has been completed.

9. Other Business – Agent Wagner submitted budget information for the 2024-2025 year (training, office supplies, conferences)

10. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 5th, 2024 @ 7:00pm – Community Room

11. Adjournment – Brad Kelle MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Jan Maschi SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED
4:0:0