

**Town of Andover Connecticut**

**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission**

Community Room, 17 School Road, Andover

**July 11, 2016  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** John England calls the meeting to order at 7:05PM

2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates**

Members Present: J. England, Richard Osborne, Michael Landolphi

Members Absent: James McCann

Alternates Present: Wayne Thorpe seated as the P&Z Rep., Ed Smith seated for James McCann

Alternates Absent: None

Public Present: Attachment #1

Staff Present: John Valente, Wetlands Agent  
Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

3. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None

4. **Public Participation:** None

5. **Public Hearings:**

**John England** opens the Public Hearing at 7:10PM

Joshua Clark, 64 Long Hill Road, Owner Town of Andover, Location Riverside Drive, map27, block 7 lot 21 (end of paved section of Road, just North of 25 Riverside Drive). Activity: Stream crossing with two box culverts and associated grading to access two residential homes.

**Josh Clark, applicant,** describes in detail the activity in regards to the stream crossing that he is proposing including the boxed culverts.

**Carl Acimovic, P.E.**, hired to design the stream crossing explains it in detail, the size of the box culverts, the water flow and how it would handle a 100yr storm. The construction of the crossing should be started in late summer/early fall as this is an optimal time. He further discusses sedimentation and water flow.

**Julia Haverl** asks about the size of the culverts (height and width). She also asks if there are two side by side and again about water flow. She notes that this appears to be much bigger then it was in the past.

**Carl Acimovic, P.E.** states the size of the culverts, explains how they would effect water flow and agrees that it is much bigger then it was previously.

**Ed Smith** inquires how long it would take to complete the crossing?

**Carl Acimovic** explains the process and that it would take about a week depending on the weather.

**John Valente** asks Mr. Acimovic to clarify to the Commission how long he would be working in the stream.

**Carl Acimovic** verifies that it will be no more then two days.

**Susan Losee** reads a written statement in disapproval of the application to the Commission (John Valente has the copy of the statement).

**Carl Acimovic** addresses some of the issues that Ms. Losee brings up about the flooding and the capacity of the culverts.

**Scott McKay** also has questions about the culverts.

***Discussion among all present on the culverts, flooding and the maintenance of the crossing.***

**John Valente** reads a letter of concern submitted by Jonathan Wright on this application (attachment #2).

**Julia Haverl** responds to the letter and talks about the easement with the conditions including the maintenance of the crossing that was granted to the applicant by the Planning and Zoning Commission. She also speaks about the house mentioned and believes that this house will sell once it can be placed on the market and will be restored.

***Discussion among all present on the crossing and the other options that were looked at during a site walk.***

**John Valente** then states that the Commission needs to determine if this is the most feasible and prudent way to access this property. He explains that the only other options are; no access to the 50 acres in the rear or the frontage at Long Hill Road that is very steep and would require two water crossings that would be problematic. Mr. Valente believes that this proposed crossing is the easiest and least expensive way and therefore the most prudent and feasible.

***John England closes the Public Hearing at 7:45PM***

## **6. Old Business:**

Applicant Joshua Clark, 64 Long Hill Road, Owner Town of Andover, Location Riverside Drive, map27, block 7 lot 21 (end of paved section of Road, just North of 25 Riverside Drive). Activity: Stream crossing with two box culverts and associated grading to access two residential homes.

**John Valente** reads the Summary Ruling and Permit (attachment #3). He add to number 15 that no machinery or equipment should be parked or stored within 25ft of the water crossing.

**Mike Landolphi Motions** to approve the application of Joshua Clark, 64 Long Hill Road, Owner Town of Andover, Location Riverside Drive, map27, block 7 lot 21 (end of paved section of Road, just North of 25 Riverside Drive). Activity: Stream crossing with two box culverts and associated grading to access two residential homes. With all standard conditions that apply as well as any other conditions read by John Valente, Wetlands Agent on July 11,2016.

**Wayne Thorpe Seconded**  
**Motion Passed/Unanimous 5/0/0**

## **7. New Business:** None

## **8. Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2016**

**Wayne Thorpe Motions** to approve the minutes of June 13, 2016

**Mike Landolphi Seconded**  
**Motion Passed/Unanimous 5/0/0**

## **9. Administrative Report**

**John Valente** talks about the activity that is going on in the Town of Andover and in the Town of Columbia. He mentions that there is not to much wetlands activity and briefly talks about blight. He also mentions the POCD that was adopted and the incentive housing program. The residential vs commercial zoning regulations are also discussed.

**John England** mentions Bunts on Rte 6 and the paving that is going on.

**John Valente** talks about the paving in Town and will look into this.

## **10. Correspondence:**

**Richard Osborne** asks about the trench on Wales Road and would like to know if there is any additional information?

**John Valente** replies that there is no information it was just for drainage.

**11. Adjournment**

**Richard Osborne** Motions to adjourn at 8:20PM

**Ed Smith** Seconded

**Motion Passed/Unanimous 5/0/0**

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

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