

Town of Andover Connecticut

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Community Room, 17 School Road, Andover

October 12, 2017

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, Michael Landolphi, Wayne Thorpe

Members Absent: Richard Osborne , Ed Smith

Alternates Present: Meghan Lally, seated as the P&Z Representative

Alternates Absent: None

Public Present: Attachment #1

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

Brief Discussion on the Alternate situation. Bethany Busch moved out of Town and can no longer be an alternate on the Commission therefore there is one vacancy on the Commission for an Alternate.

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

4. **Public Participation:** None

5. **New Business:**

a. Application of Curt Dowling, 389 Lake Road/Lot 152. Request to stabilize lake front Property with the installation of a rip-rap lake wall. (Application details e-mailed to Commission Members and available in the Building Dept.)

John England reads Item 5a and then asks Mr. Dowling to explain the Application.

Curt Dowling explains how the Lake front on his property is eroding and his plan to construct a Lake front wall to help prevent this. He states that both ALMA and ALPO have approved this. Mr. Dowling presents pictures of the property including a picture of a tree that is falling in the Lake due to the erosion. He notes that there is one change in the application; he will install stone stairs instead of cement stairs.

John Valente asks how far the stairs will extend into the Lake

Curt Dowling states that they extend the same amount as presented on the application

John Valente asks Mr. Dowling who the contractor/sub-contractor is doing the work?

Brief discussion on Mr. Dowlings Contractors however John Valente is confident that they know what the Town is looking for on the Lake. Continued discussion on the scope of work that will be done on the Lakefront, the property and the erosion that has occurred.

Curt Dowling notes that ALMA prefers a rip rap wall over a concrete one

Discussion on rip rap vs concrete walls

John Valente asks the Commission Members if they would like to have a site walk and he recommends that they do all three application at once since the properties are in close proximity of each other.

John England sets the Site Walk for all three properties on November 11th starting at 9:30 AM

b. Application of John and Janice Benda, 157 Lakeside Drive. Request to repair a cement retaining wall on the lake-shore.. (Application details e-mailed to Commission Members and available in the Building Dept.)

Discussion on the Benda application for a Lake wall repair/replacement.

John Valente has no issues with any impact on the wetlands for this repair to take place.

No further discussion until after the site walk

c. Application of Paula Free, 43 Lakeside Drive. Request to build a 33'X2' wall section on the base of the existing wall, install 4 prefabricated

steps that look like field stone and build a new 19'X2' section of wall.
(Application details e-mailed to Commission Members and available in the Building Dept.)

John England notes that Ms. Free was not available to attend the meeting on this application.

John Valente briefly discusses the scope of work that is required on the application and mentions the contractor Gotta.

No further discussion until after the site walk

6. Old Business:

None

7. Approval of Minutes:

August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Michael Landolphi Motions to approve the August 14, 2017 minutes as presented

John England Seconded

Motion Passed/ 3/0/1 Meghan Lally Abstained

8. Administrative Report/Correspondence:

John Valente hands out/discusses a CFL News Letter and he mentions to workshop that was offered to Members. He also hands out a Habitat Brochure for the Members to review. John next talks about the DEEP and what is happening in that Department. He gives an overview of the meeting that the P&ZC had with ALMA. ALMA would like resource protection on the Lake via Regulations. John discusses many ways this can be done, B100A regarding the septic systems, nutrient allocation loading into the lake and sewage avoidance regulation (should the Town regulate this?). He mentions the Times Farm Bridge Project and the issues surrounding it.

Discussion among all on the project

John Valente states the the P&ZC will meet on Monday to discuss Mixed Use Zones and Storm Water Management.

John England states that the Meeting dates for next Months meeting.

9. Correspondence:

Discussed

10. Adjournment

Wayne Thorpe Motions to adjourn at 8:10PM

Mike Landophi Seconded

Motion Passed/Unanimous 4/0/0

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Nichols, Commission Secretary

***These Minutes are submitted as required by the Freedom of Information Act and are not official until formally approved by the Commission.**