

Willington Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission

February 27th, 2023 – 7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Note: This Meeting was held virtually via zoom.

A. Call to Order/ Roll call

D. Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Members Present:

David Schreiber

Patrick Lord

Mark Drobney

Also Present:

Chris Roberts – Assistant Land Use Agent

B. Seating of alternates

None

C. Applications to be received:

None

D. Approval of Minutes:

October 24th, 2022.

M. Drobney motioned to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

1st Page, 3rd line from the bottom “if materials” should be “of materials”.

2nd Page, 1st line “intent to open the to allow...” should be “intent to open the canopy to allow...”.

2nd Page, 5th row from the bottom “of it was correct” should be “if it was correct”.

P. Lord seconded. **All in Favor Motion Passed.**

E. Public Hearing:

None

F. New Business:

a. IW-23-1: Application for Jurisdictional Ruling 0 Tolland Turnpike (21/024-00) Owner: Robert & Nancy E Germain & Applicant: James Halleran.

James Halleran presented his application to the commission.

C. Roberts shared the map on screen for the commission

D. Schreiber asked what kind of machinery the crew would use. J. Halleran said there would be a forwarder to move the logs, a machine for cutting, and some hand cutting will be done as well. J. Halleran spoke to the topography of the land. He noted that there were existing logging trails to be utilized and that all the boundaries were flagged. J. Halleran said there would be no work in the wetlands.

P. Lord asked if any wetlands were shown on the map. J. Halleran pointed out and spoke to wetlands on the map. He said they would not work in the wetlands.

P. Lord motioned to approve **IW-23-1** and stated that based on the workplan, the applicant doesn't intend to work in a wetland and would work within DEEP BMPs so there was no jurisdictional ruling.

M. Drobney seconded. **All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

b. TH-23-1: Timber Harvest 0 Tolland Turnpike Rd (21/024-00) Owner: Robert & Nancy E Germain Applicant: James Halleran.

D. Schreiber said they had gone over all his questions he asked the commission if they had any questions. P. Lord spoke to the work plan.

P. Lord motioned to approve **TH-23-1**. M. Drobney seconded. **All in Favor Motion Passed.**

G. Old Business:

None

H. Correspondence:

a. Connecticut Association of Wetland Science (CAWS) Wetland Scientists Conference March 9, 2023

C. Roberts stated that if any commissioners were interested in attending, they could contact the office and staff would sign them up. The commission discussed.

I. Staff report and Discussion

D. Schreiber asked about a complaint he had made with staff regarding some filling within a wetland. C. Roberts stated that staff had gone out and looked at the property recently and were working on it. He said that as it evolves staff would report back to the commission.

P. Lord asked C. Roberts to ask DEEP about changes in protections regarding the long-eared bat, and how it relates to the forestry regulations.

J. Public Comment:

None

K. Adjournment

P. Lord Motioned to Adjourn. M. Drobney seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Roberts,

Assistant Land Use Agent

