

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 23, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Chairman David Tolli, John Laudati, Aurelle Locke, Craig Perry, Wayne Cahoon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kate Bednaz, Wetland Agent

The meeting of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission was called to order by Chairman David Tolli at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes of September 9, 2015.

ON A MOTION by Aurelle Locke, seconded by Wayne Cahoon, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2015.

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

62 Lost Acres Road – Crushed stone infiltration/high water bypass dike

The application was presented by Noal Jenkins. As part of the application, the file contains various maps and a work detail as described in a proposal for the project designed by the NRCS. Noal described the property as having two ponds with a licensed hatchery. He discussed the proposed work to be done, which includes a stone dike to protect one pond, in particular, from heavy storms. The work includes the addition of a system of low-impact infiltration dikes and grass waterways as a way of managing groundwater between the properties for 62 and 80 Lost Acres Road. He indicated that this work would be accomplished by him using a low impact wheel barrel or BOBCAT depending on the condition of the ground and the weather.

The Commission discussed the file materials with Ms. Bednaz and property owners. Some comments made were:

- The purpose is to direct the overflow water away from the pond. It is a water bypass going around the pond.
- The height of the wall will be 12 inches high, length of 106 LF, and 3 feet top rock.
- The work being done at 80 Lost Acres Road works together with this proposed project.
- Constructing 80 LF rock sediment is the first action.
- The wheel barrel or BOBCAT usage will protect and support the 3 feet of organic materials in the area of this project.
- Mr. Jenkins will give the town 48 hours' notice prior to the start of this construction. Ms. Bednaz will do an inspection.
- Providing an as built diagram would be beneficial for the town file.
- The crushed stone suggested for this project is 2 inches, however, the design engineer indicated that this size was very popular and hard to purchase. He felt that going an ½ inch smaller or larger would suffice.

Ms. Bednaz requested the Commission consider for the records the email of NRCS which addressed the sizes of crushed stone that can be used for this project.

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ON A MOTION by Aurelle Locke, seconded by Wayne Cahoon, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to continue the application at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting for final action.

### 114 East Street – Enclosed 2 car garage

Gary Melnysyn presented an application for an enclosed 2 car garage on the subject property. He indicated that Ms. Bednaz has made visits to property for physical inspection as to whether wetland soils exist or not.

Ms. Bednaz reported that she did not observe wetland soils in the location of the garage project. She noticed signs of a high water table, but not to the extent that meet hydric soil criteria. There is a concrete culvert under East Street with a corrugated PVC pipe discharging into it just south of the proposed garage location. The project plan shows a watercourse under the proposed garage location, which was not physically observed. Google Earth shows the watercourse in 2005, less defined in early dates, and now this watercourse has apparently disappeared. Ms. Bednaz researched the building files and found no relative information for this project.

The applicant believes that there is a pipe that discharges from the pond in the paddock directed towards and under the driveway. Ms. Bednaz asked the applicant to see if he could locate the pipe, which he was unable to do.

Ms. Bednaz indicated she was acceptable in signing off on a RFR, with some conditions. During the digging portion, the pipe should be located and left connected, if it is truly a watercourse pipe. The course of action once the pipe is located would be to stop work, notify the town, and present a plan of action. There is a possibility that there is no piped watercourse connection and if not, this becomes moot.

The Commission discussed the matter and concurred that more information is necessary prior to any approval of the activities proposed. They would prefer to see a better plot plan and identification of the wetland areas. Mr. Cahoon commented that a Call to Safe Dig may help in locating the pipe.

This matter will continue to the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Bednaz and applicant will provide paperwork identifying where the soil samples were taken, placement of the proposed garage (plot plan), identify hydric soil if present, and call a Call to Safe Dig.

### **OTHER**

Chairman Tolli stated that a Vice Chairman needs to be appointed with Ms. Sheahan resignation from the Commission.

ON A MOTION made by Aurelle Locke, seconded by John Lauditi, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0) to appoint Craig Perry as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Cahoon left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

The Commission discussed revising the RFR application. The Commission will review other town applications for comparison and a revision may be made in the future.

### **AGENT REPORT**

Kate Bednaz reported on 80 Lost Acres Road RFR application. As an authorized agent, she signed off (approval) on the application. The analysis of the approval is that the proposed work was not located in wetlands, agricultural activity is exempted, and this work coincides with the proposed work at 62 Lost Acres Road. This approval prevents any further delay in both project activities at 80 and 62 Lost Acres Road recognizing that both have a limited time period to accomplish the work.

**ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The next monthly meeting is April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION, made by John Lauditi, seconded by David Tolli, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia I. Chieski  
Recording Secretary