

TOWN OF GRANBY

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES
COMMISSION MINUTES
October 9, 2013**

PRESENT: Chairman David Tolli, Aurelle Locke, Deb Sheahan, Wayne Cahoon, Craig Perry and David Askew.

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:03 p.m.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

ON A MOTION by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the following Request for Review is added to the meeting's agenda:

22 Allen Road, garage and breezeway addition

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission approves (5-0-0) the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting noting the following correction:

Under item 3a, 279 Granville Road, dam cleanup, there are three dams, not two as reported.

APPLICATION

2a. Todd Kennedy, 15 Allen Road (multiple owners). Dredging along shoreline and spoils disposal in upland.

Mr. Kennedy, along with his immediate neighbors, wishes to remove the vegetation growth along the shoreline to improve access to and visibility of the water. Since moving in (April 2012) Mr. Kennedy has seen the vegetation become very dense even with the twice yearly treatment of the lake by ACT (Aquatic Control Technologies). Previous property owners, in an effort to maintain the shoreline, installed telephone poles to hold the vegetation at bay and to hold the shore. Mr. Kennedy plans to remove the now rotting poles, along with the mud and silt deposits. The company contracted to remove the vegetation will use a hydro rake which pulls primarily waste and not sediment. The spoils from the removal would be spread onto the property owners land and later used as a natural fertilizer. It is anticipated that the process would take approximately 20 – 30 hours.

Further discussion concluded with the need for Mr. Kennedy to submit separate applications for the vegetation removal and the poles/silt removal. In addition, a public hearing is necessary. Mr. Kennedy is encouraged to have the vegetation removal contractor appear to describe the process and answer any questions.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission voted unanimously to hold a public hearing at next month's meeting.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

3a. William Bentley, 329 North Granby Road. Winter logging with a temporary stream crossing.

This property is the Wilhelm Farm. A two-part harvest is planned. The first part is the area behind the existing house and does not occur within regulated areas. The second area to be harvested will require a temporary stream crossing. The plan is to use small skid equipment to place the bridge. Full cutting plans have been submitted and this type of operation is typically exempt under the agricultural use section.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, the commission authorizes the wetland agent to sign the review.
This motion is withdrawn.

Logging operations would not be carried out until the winter months when the ground has frozen. Commissioner Sheahan would like to walk the property to see where the crossing will occur.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Sheahan, seconded by Mr. Perry, the commission delays the request until next month's meeting. (4-1-0) Mr. Cahoon opposes the motion.

3b. Jason Bogli, 198R Salmon Brook Road. Barn within upland review area
The proposed barn would sit within 35' of the wetland boundary. The planned 28' x 35' hay/machinery storage barn would sit on a slab which would require minimal excavation. There is no foreseen impact to the regulated area and the property falls under the farm exemption.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission authorizes the wetland agent to sign the review. (5-0-0)

3c. William Curtis, 22 Allen Road. Garage and breezeway addition.
The planned 24' x 24' addition is within 100' of the lake. It will be built in grade with a frost wall in the back and very little grading. Very little excavation is anticipated. The maximum area of anticipated disturbance is 20'. The driveway will change but have no impact on the regulated area.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, the commission delegates the request to the wetland agent for approval.

CACIWC ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2013 in Cromwell. All who are interested in attending must submit the application to the Director of Community Development.

ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS

Mr. Perry observed considerable land clearing by Tilcon at the gravel pit site. He expressed surprise at the extent. Mr. Askew will review the files to ensure proper permits are in place.

The next monthly meeting is November 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Locke, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, the commission unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 8:05 p.m. (5-0-0)

Respectfully
submitted,

Sandra Yost
Recording Secretary