

TOWN OF GRANBY

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION MINUTES November 13, 2013

PRESENT: Chairman David Tolli, Aurelle Locke, Deb Sheahan, Neil Kraner and David Askew.

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission approves (3-0-1) the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting as presented. Mr. Kraner abstains.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mr. Kennedy clarified that the proposed process should not be classified as dredging. The plan is environmental cleanup, removing weeds and debris utilizing a hydro rake which is designed to remove vegetation rather than sediment.

At last month's meeting it was requested that a representative from ACT (Aquatic Control Technologies) be present to discuss the process. Due to prior commitments, no one was able to appear. It is also necessary to submit a map to DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) showing the project location in order to assure that any species of concern are identified.

It is necessary to continue this hearing to next month's meeting to have all information available for consideration.

The public was invited to comment.

Mrs. Ahrens, one of the parties involved in the project (28 Allen Road), has an issue with muskrats damaging her property. Mr. Askew will provide a list of references of those who handle this. It is not a matter for this commission.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Kraner, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission continues the hearing to next month.

APPLICATION

3a. Todd Kennedy, 15 Allen Road (multiple owners). Dredging along shoreline and spoils disposal in upland.

This matter is continued pending the public hearing outcome.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

4a. William Bentley, 329 North Granby Road. Winter logging with a temporary stream crossing.

Property at 31 Mountain Road will also be logged. Access to Mr. Bentley's property for logging will be from that property. The stream crossing will not be necessary and thus, the request is unnecessary.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mr. Kraner, the commission authorizes the wetland agent to sign the review in the event it comes back to the commission. (4-0-0)

4b. Fertig, timber harvest at 31 Mountain Road
James Gillespie, Forestland Consultants, LLC, is the contractor for the harvest. The same request was submitted and approved in 1994, the last time the property was harvested. This process will be the same for this harvest as it was for the last one. Logging will be done on both properties with the access through 31 Mountain Road. This avoids the brook crossing on the Bentley property. All parties are agreed and Mr. Gillespie has the signed contracts.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission authorizes the wetland agent to sign the review. (4-0-0)

CACIWC ANNUAL MEETING

5. Mr. Askew reports that the courts are becoming harsher on the towns when it comes to interpretation of regulations. Information should be available at the upcoming meeting.

TILCON land clearing question

6. Through investigation it was determined that it is Arrow Concrete that has cleared land. Nothing with the project falls under this commission's jurisdiction.

ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS

Manitook Motors has a floating dock behind its building which is not permanently fixed to anything. The owner asked if a permit is necessary for the dock. The commission agreed that this is a temporary structure and therefore is not under its jurisdiction.

The next monthly meeting is December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Locke, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 7:37 p.m. (4-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yost
Recording Secretary