

# Town of Lebanon

## INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

## **Regular Meeting**

Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road Lower Level Conference Room Monday, November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Minutes**

Members Present: James McCaw (Chairman), Dennis Latchum, Jim Bender, Carl Bender,

Jim Hallene, Robert Slate, Michelle Trani

Members Absent: Dean Gustafson, John Drum

Others Present: Philip Chester (Town Planner), Catherine McCall (Minutes)

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James McCaw at 7:00 pm.

IW-BUF-19-8307 added as item b. under New Business. George and Barbara Upton, 22 Clubhouse Road, Map 223, Lot 4. Proposed house replacement.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 7, 2019 ~ Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by R. Slate, seconded by J. Hallene to approve the minutes for the October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried with one abstention

III. OLD BUSINES: None

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. IW-AR-19-8289: Brian Riendeau (applicant), Matthew Williams (owner), 312 Mack Road, Map 237, Lot 10. Selective timber harvest.

Matthew Williams and Certified Forest Practitioner Scott Person were present. In order to create additional tillable land, the property owner plans to clear-cut three (3) fields plus portions of 16.76-acres of wetlands. Crossing of the perennial stream on the property will be done at the piped culvert where corduroy will be laid down and mats installed. A portion of the harvest will be accessed along an existing farm road. According to Mr. Person, a soil scientist from NRCS marked all wetlands on the map provided and indicated there were no vernal pools. There will be no clearcutting in wetlands areas. Corduroy will be installed with mats over them. The mats will be later removed and corduroy left.

C. Bender noted this permit does not cover stumping, only the timber harvest.

Motion made by J. bender to accept this application as an as-of-right farm activity. R. Slate seconded. Motion carried.

b. IW-BUF-19-8307: George and Barbara Upton, 22 Clubhouse Road, Map 223, Lot 4. Proposed house replacement.

Mr. Upton stated that he intends to tear down a condemned home currently on the 2.4-acre lot, to ready it for sale. Upton would like to ensure that the next owner will be allowed to build on the property in the future.

The consensus of Commission was that P. Chester can issue a buffer permit based on the plan presented and that an additional buffer permit would be necessary once a house development plan is presented to show grading and soil erosion and control.

## V. TOWN PLANNERS REPORT

The town plans to draw down Lake Williams annually around November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Puhlick timber harvest (IW-18-7498) is almost complete with a few mats to be removed from the regulated area. The town will release \$1,220.00 of the \$5,440.00 required by the Commission to hire Yantic River Consultants to monitor the regulated activity.

## VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Slate, seconded by J. Bender to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted Catherine McCall

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