

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, December 1, 2016 – 7:15PM**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Allen Kinsella, Lorraine Lucas, Ray Turri, and Rick Wadhams;
Martin Connor, AICP, Town Planner/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

EXCUSED: Danielle Breakell.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No business was discussed.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

A. November 3, 2016, regular meeting

MOTION Mr. Turri second Mr. Wadhams, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ian Branson for Christopher Kowalski, 107 North Goshen Road – Request for Declaratory Ruling – Commercial Timber Harvest. Mr. Branson, Forester, was present on behalf of his client, Christopher Kowalski, who owns 23 acres of land on which he wishes to do a timber harvest. The selective harvest will be done in areas adjacent to wetlands or watercourses but there will be no inland wetlands crossings. The harvest will improve the health of the forest and will provide additional habitat.

MOTION Mr. Turri second Mr. Kinsella, to make a declaratory ruling that the proposed timber harvest in the matter of **Ian Branson for Christopher Kowalski, 107 North Goshen Road**, is a permitted use as of right as an agricultural activity – forestry operation per Section 4.1.a of the Regulations; unanimously approved.

B. Assenza Builders, Inc., applicant; Ira M. Schafer, owner; Lot #465 Wellsford Drive (Assessor's Map #05-004-027-00) – Construction of Single Family Dwelling, Driveway, & Drainage Improvements in the Upland Review Area. Dennis S. McMorrow, P.E., Berkshire Engineering & Surveying LLC, was present on behalf of Richard Assenza, Assenza Builders, Inc., who wishes to construct a dwelling on Lot 465, Wellsford Drive. All the proposed activity will be in the upland review area on the lot, outside the flagged inland wetlands areas. The Commission requested that additional inland wetlands flagging be done to ascertain the wetlands line on the South side of the lot, "B" wetlands flagging, where the Soil Scientist, George Malia, approximated the lower wetlands line. The Commission also requested the written Soils Report prepared by Mr. Malia.

MOTION Mr. Turri second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the application in the matter of **Assenza Builders, Inc., applicant; Ira M. Schafer, owner; Lot #465 Wellsford Drive**

(Assessor's Map #05-004-027-00) – Construction of Single Family Dwelling, Driveway, & Drainage Improvements in the Upland Review Area

- C. **Martin Connor, 20 Dresden Court West – Request for Declaratory Ruling – Pond Maintenance.** Martin Connor reviewed the proposed maintenance to the existing 30' x 50' pond on his property. The farm pond has not been cleaned of the built up sediment and debris in many years. The pond depth will be increased to allow for raising fish. Mr. Stansfield read a letter from Contractor Bill Colby, P.E., who will do the maintenance work. The sediment removed will be trucked offsite.

MOTION Mr. Turri second Mr. Kinsella, to make a declaratory ruling that the proposed pond maintenance in the matter of **Martin Connor, 20 Dresden Court West – Request for Declaratory Ruling – Pond Maintenance**, is a permitted use as of right as an agricultural activity – pond maintenance per Section 4.1.a of the Regulations; unanimously approved.

- D. Sean O'Neill, 50 Gray Lane – Request for Declaratory Ruling – Construct Manure Composting Building For Farm Use Within Existing Fenced Pasture Area. *(Tabled to January 5, 2017 regular meeting at applicant's request)*

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6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed Mr. Connor's enforcement report for the period from November 4th through December 1st.

MOTION Mr. Turri, second Mr. Wadhams, to accept the Enforcement Report for the period from November 4, 2016 through December 1, 2016; unanimously approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mr. Stansfield, to adjourn at 7:50 PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Martin J. Connor, AICP
Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Officer**