

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 26, 2013
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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Office, Wolcott Town Hall.

Chairman Garrigus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

Members Present: Mark Garrigus, Brian Lanese, Roy Balkus, Richard Tucker and Bill Harpin (arrived at 6:35 pm).

Members Absent: Sam Zotto, Teresa Pineau

Alternates Present: Ed Myers

Alternates Absent: Teresa Northway, David Hamel

Also Present: Attorney Michael Tansley

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular meeting on January 22, 2013

Upon **MOTION** by Brian Lanese, seconded by Richard Tucker, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 Regular Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Garrigus stated that they had 12 signoffs since the last meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Garrigus noted that Mr. Tucker is the only one on this committee right now who has been assigned to the Walking Trail.

Vice Chairman Tucker informed the commission members that Acquired Facilities and Park and Rec want to do a walking trail. He noted that it extends from the existing trail on Wolf Hill goes down and around the lake by Recreational Center; up behind Boundline and back towards Coe Road. He

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pointed out that they had preliminary walks; also they had three meetings and fortunately the wetlands is represented because simply stated there is a lot that they don't know what's going on and importantly we have input. If anyone else here would like to attend a meeting let me know so I can inform them when the next meeting is. He noted that it is purely consulting and planning stage at this point. Also, they are asking for input regarding regulations from the local inland wetlands and what they need to do with DEEP and the Army Corp. He added that he will keep the commission members posted as to what is going on. Also, he noted what he has found by walking and looking at the preliminary site maps; it appears as though there has been quite a bit of activity by homeowners on town property bordering the reservoir and he thinks it is in their best interest of the wetlands commission to have a site walk of said properties to see if there are any violations and if so what they are and what needs to be done regarding those violations. He added that there are things that happened that shouldn't have happened and they have to do something about it.

Chairman Garrigus inquired if that's all on town property at which time Vice Chairman Tucker replied it's all on town property. He noted that there are two major examples:

- 1) On one property the home owner's property line is about 100 feet from the water they cleared maybe 40 percent of the trees and understory and piled it in huge mounds of brush and have extended electrical lines across town property to the water's edge.
- 2) Also they put in fire pits, beach areas, chairs and boats all on town property.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- Permit Application #13-001- "Town of Wolcott", Lions Club, 245 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, CT, 06716, pond maintenance dredging project.

Chairman Garrigus noted that they hire Matt Sanford from Milone and MacBroom do the engineering for DEEP on this. He also noted that they received the information back on the questions that they had (on file).

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A **MOTION was offered** by Richard Tucker, seconded by Bill Harpin, to **Approve** permit Application #13-001 “Town of Wolcott” Lion’s Club, 245 Wolcott Road, pond maintenance dredging project.

A roll call vote was taken and the above motion carried as indicated below:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Richard Tucker -----	X-----		
Roy Balkus -----	X-----		
Bill Harpin -----	X-----		
Brian Lanese -----	X-----		
Mark Garrigus-----	X-----		
Ed Myers-----	X-----		

New Business

There were none.

DISCUSSION OF MISC. MATERIALS, VIOLATIONS & COMPLAINTS

- Beach Road

Vice Chairman Tucker questioned how they were going to address the issue with the removal of the stumps, at which time Chairman Garrigus said he could contact them. He wanted to know if they were aware of restoration of the trees. Chairman Garrigus said he has not been to the site.

Vice Chairman Tucker said the first order of business is to address the removal of the stumps and then address the other issue, at which time Chairman Garrigus said they have to look at the wall too.

Mr. Myers said the property is for sale. Chairman Garrigus added that they are not going to issue a Certificate of Occupancy or even a temporary CO until they sign off on it.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pending litigation discussion

Upon **MOTION** by Richard Tucker, seconded by Roy Balkus, it was unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:40 pm., with Mark Garrigus, Richard Tucker, Brian Lanese, Bill Harpin, Roy Balkus and Ed Myers in attendance.

At which time Chairman Garrigus said they have to invite Counsel Mike Tansley.

An **AMENDED MOTION** was made by Richard Tucker, seconded by Roy Balkus to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:40 p.m., with Mark Garrigus, Richard Tucker, Brian Lanese, Bill Harpin, Roy Balkus and Ed Myers in attendance, and inviting Attorney Michael Tansley.

The above motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Garrigus called meeting back to order at 7:53 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Roy Balkus, seconded by Brian Lanese, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:53pm.

APPROVED:

**Mark Garrigus– Chairman
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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COMMISSION SECRETARY**