

DURHAM INLAND WETLANDS
and
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice-Chairman Richard Eriksen at the Durham Public Library

Roll Call: Members present: Pat Dinatale, Dick Eriksen, Joel LaBella, Bob Czarnecki and Chris Meisenkothen. Alternatives present: Karen Cheyney.

Seating of Alternates: Karen Cheyney was seated for George Zeeb.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Pat Dinatale, seconded by Chris Meisenkothen, to approve the agenda as published. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes from the prior meeting to approve.

Public Session: None.

Ron Burgess, Scotland Hardwoods, LLC, Selective Timber Harvesting, 182 Wallingford Road, Owner: Charles Greenbacker and Sons, LLC. Exhibit A and B were presented, listing the map copy and copies of the crossings were attached on the last two pages. Scotland Hardwoods plans to conduct a logging operation on approximately 32 acres of the 415 acres. The area outlined in yellow on Exhibit B is the cutting area (the 32 acres) owned by Charles Greenbacker and Sons, LLC on Route 68 (Assessor's Map 36, Lot 7, Lot 46, Lot 22). Logs will be dragged to two spots: one off of Route 68 and one back in the far field. The log trucks will pick up the logs via Route 68. Regular working hours will be from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and then 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday. Trees to be harvested are marked with orange paint about 4 ft. above the ground and amount to approximately 50,000 bd.ft. of timber (12 trees/acre or 300 to 400 trees total). About 80 percent of the trees 14" and larger will be removed from the property. Oak, hickory, ash and maple represent the majority of the trees. Completion of project is estimated to be approximately four to six weeks, hopefully to be done in the summer. Six drains have to be crossed, at crossings 3 through 6. The trucks have to cross 1 and 2 which are not necessarily used because there are already culverts in place and there is a permanent buffer in place. On the other side of the project are crossings 3 through 6. Checks for application fee (\$120 and \$30) have been submitted to the Town. There was discussion of the new fee schedule and which fees apply to this project. It was

decided that the correct fee for commercial use is \$240 plus the \$30 state fee. Photocopy of the check should be attached to any future applications.

A motion was made by Pat Dinatale, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, that there is no significant activity in the wetland. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joel LaBella, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, to approve logging operation on Greenbacker Farm as presented by Scotland Hardwoods. The motion passed unanimously.

John Marotta, Proposed Construction of a 1,400 sq.ft. Building within 100 ft. of a Wetland for Plumbing and Heating Contractor, Routes 157 and 68, Owner: John Meadows. Engineer Pat Benjamin spoke for the applicant describing the area on the corner of Routes 157 and 68 (a heavy industrial zone) where there the DOT has been experiencing a parking problem. The property is two acres and the wetland line is at the bottom of a 3:1 slope, with a culvert and a brook. The slope will remain 3:1. The right-of-way line of the highway is off the edge of the road about 25 ft., so it=s further into the existing gravel area. There is also a buried AT&T line and an AT&T right-of-way on the front of the property. The building proposed is a 35' x 40' wood building with 8" vertical natural wood siding, with a paved entrance off of Route 157 that would be 18 ft. wide. The septic system would be for just two people, 22 feet long, two parking spaces and a septic tank. The building would have two overhead doors and a door on the front of the building with a couple of lights. The back of the building would have to extend off the back of the slope because of building set-back lines. He does deliver oil, as well as doing plumbing and heating, and would like to park his oil delivery truck inside. Nothing will be parked outside, except for one four wheel drive backhoe. He will excavate the footings down off the embankment and pour a high wall which will be about 12 feet. Some trees will need to be cleared. There is no activity proposed in the wetland. There will be a silt fence at the bottom of the area that will be disturbed and they are also proposing a North American Green erosion and sedimentation control blanket for 1:1 slopes for all of the disturbed areas and will be staked down in place, top-soiled and seeded. A guide rail will be placed at the edge of the highway and the front area will be too-soiled and reseeded. Landscaping is proposed to shield the area of outside storage (for the backhoe). A 4' high white vinyl fence will be installed. The well is at the top of the embankment. There was discussion of what would happen in the case of an accident with the fuel delivery truck and what could be done to remedy that potential problem. If a floor drain were to be installed, it could not discharge into the drainage system and would have to go into a holding tank, which would be a bit unreasonable. No fuel transfer would be done in the building. As a result of these discussions, the applicant agreed that he would be install a floor drain, that discharges into a 1,000-gallon holding tank outside. The foundation will stick up 8" above the slab on the edges to act as a wheel-stop.

A motion was made by Bob Czarnecki, seconded by Pat Dinatale, that there is no activity in the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Czarnecki, seconded by Pat Dinatale, to approve the plan as presented with added safety improvements. The motion passed unanimously.

James and Joan Reinhart, Two-Lot Subdivision Review and Construction of Septic System within 100 ft. of a Wetland, 710R Haddam Quarter Road. Engineer Pat Benjamin spoke for the

applicants describing the seven acre property located on Haddam Quarter Road Extension, with their existing house, driveway, septic system and well. Mr. Benjamin described the location of the wetlands on the property. The applicants are going to build another driveway and a proposed house with a well on a lot that is 3.11 acres. Two areas were soil-tested for the septic system and it was found that the soils were much better at the bottom of the slope, creating a smaller system with less disturbance. The septic system proposed is a three-bedroom septic system that is approximately 120 feet long, with a reserve system noted. If built, the septic system would have to be an engineered system. They have proposed a conservation easement, .88 acres on lot 1 and .53 acres on lot 2, so about 19 percent of the property will be put into a conservation easement. There is no activity in the wetlands nor within 50 feet of the wetlands. Bill Milardo concurs that the soils are better in the proposed location and he has approved the plan.

A motion was made by Pat Dinatale, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, that there is no activity in the wetland. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Pat Dinatale, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, to approve the project as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Wetlands Enforcement Officer=s Report: None.

Payment of Bills: None.

Miscellaneous: Dick Eriksen is very concerned with the Agency not having a recording secretary and recording equipment and would like to pursue these issues; that it may not be necessary to have a person attending the meeting take the minutes, but in fact the proceedings may be transcribed after the meeting.

Adjournment: Dick Eriksen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Waz

cc: Town Clerk, Midstate Regional Planning Agency