

**WETLAND COMMISSION  
TOWN HALL  
21 FIELD PARK DRIVE, HADDAM  
Tuesday, 15 October 2013  
Regular Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
*Approved as Submitted at the 13 January 2014 Meeting***

**ATTENDANCE**

A	Paul Best, Vice Chairman
X	Jeremy DeCarli
X	Dan Iwanicki, Secretary
A	Joe Laurenza
X	Joe Stephens
A	Mark Stephens, Chairman
X	Thomas Worthley
X	Mal Gorin, Alternate – Seated
X	Robin Maule, Alternate – Seated
A	Jim Puska, Wetland Enforcement Officer
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

**1. Call to Order & Attendance**

Mr. Iwanicki, acting chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all regular and alternate members were seated.

**2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

None.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Wetland Enforcement Officer's Report**

Mr. Iwanicki reported that Mr. Puska was unable to attend this meeting and that Mr. M. Stephens had indicated there was nothing pressing at this time that the Commission needed to be aware of.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Scotland Hardwoods, LLC, c/o Rod Burgess, 117 Zeigler Road, Scotland, CT, Applicant. John Almquist, Owner. Property Location: Brookline Avenue, Higganum. Assessor's Map #37, Assessor's Lot #41. Proposed Activity: Timber Harvest of Approximately 35,000 Board Feet of Timber and Two Wetland Crossings.**

Rod Burgess, Division Manager, Forestry Services Division, Scotland Hardwoods, LLC (A Rossi Co.), was present.

This is a continuation from 9 September 2013.

Mr. Iwanicki reported that this matter was discussed at the September meeting, that Scotland Hardwoods is responsive to the Commission's needs and usually addresses issues that come up in the field fairly well, and that Mr. Puska has viewed the wetlands crossings.

As a point of reference, Mr. Iwanicki asked if a timber harvesting operation truly works within the hours of operation as outlined in the Wetlands Regulations. Mr. Burgess explained that workers are usually on site 7-7:30 a.m. and quit around 3-3:30 p.m. and that truckers may pick up a load of logs just before dark and son the weekends. Mr. Worthley noted that it's all about production.

Mr. Iwanicki clarified that all adjacent property owners had been notified (certified mailing receipts submitted at the September meeting; located in file). Mr. J. Stephens asked about the response concerning this application. Mr. Burgess stated that the only response was from Dave Sierpinski in regard to potential impact to a small pond on his property from the project.

**MOTION:** Joe Stephens made a motion to approve timber harvest of approximately 35,000 board feet of timber and two wetland crossings as described in Exhibit "A" at Assessor's Map #37, Lot #4-11 per site plan submitted at the September 9, IW meeting. See map on file in the Land Use Office. **Conditions:** 1. Standard Permit Conditions. 2. Special Conditions/Modifications – No. Motion carried with Dr. Gorin abstaining.

## 7. Approval/Correction of Minutes

**MOTION:** Jeremy DeCarli made a motion to approve the 9 September 2013 minutes as submitted. Joe Stephens seconded. Motion carried with Dr. Gorin abstaining.

### 7a. Miscellaneous

Mr. J. Stephens noted that a detention pond behind the bus garage and bleachers at Haddam Killingworth High School has recently been clear-cut and questioned whether the Commission or the Land Use Office had been notified of this. A brief discussion followed. Mr. J. Stephens will contact Mr. Puska in regard to this matter.

## 8. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Robin Maule made a motion to adjourn. Tom Worthley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bunny Hall Batzner*

Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

**Due to Veterans Day, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 NOVEMBER 2013.**