

Willington Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission

April 25th, 2022, 7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Please Note: This meeting was conducted online.

Members Present

David Schreiber

Patrick Lord

Mark Drobney

Others Present

Chris Roberts – Assistant Land Use Agent

A. Call to Order/ Roll call

D Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

B. Seating of alternates

None

C. Applications to be received

D. Approval of Minutes:

1. March 28th, 2021

P. Lord Motioned to Approve the minutes, M. Drobney Seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

E. Public Hearing:

F. New Business:

1. TH-22-1 Timber Harvest at 0 Jared Sparks Road (32/005-0B) Owner: Eugene R & Marie L Pal Revocable Trust Applicant: Donald DuBois

D. DuBois owner and founder of Dubois Forestry and Land Management Professionals from Brooklyn CT identified himself for the record.

P. Lord asked the applicant to tell the commission about the plan and stated that the commission had received the forest management plan and asked the applicant to clarify that these activities would be covered under a silviculture plan. D. Dubois stated that his client was a recipient of a USDA NRCS grant through the environmental quality incentive program which gave her money to care for her wooded property. He described that his first step was to prepare a forest management/ silviculture plan for the property. He went on to walk the commission through and explain the plan. The applicant stated that they would be starting October 1st and should be done

at the earliest November 1st and the latest by the end of the year depending on weather. P. Lord asked the applicant to explain the stands on the map. He explained that stand 1 would be where all the operations would take place. He further explained that it was a upland oak hardwood stand that is well drained. He said stand two is a bottomland hardwood stand dominant of red maple, and that no operations would be conducted there. He noted that there is a portion of stand two that is necessary in which they will cross a stream. He added that they will follow best management practices, and temporary bridges will be used that will be removed in the end. He said they will also use the temporary bridges even if the stream is not flowing as per NCRS requirements. P. Lord if there were future considerations addressed as far as the property is concerned. D. DuBois noted that they will be addressing invasive, specifically Japanese barberry, which the NRCS has given the property owner money to eradicate the invasive species. He noted that this was the first step they would be taking. He explained they would be leaving the best quality trees. P. Lord asked what kind of material would be used for the temporary bridges. The applicant explained they were big oak boards that are bolted together like what you might see powerline companies use in their right of ways. He explained that the bridges fully support the weight of the machinery while preventing sediment movement and while allowing the stream to flow freely.

P. Lord asked if there was some sort of discount for a silviculture plan. C. Roberts said he wasn't aware of anything, but he would check.

P. Lord Motioned to approve TH-22-1 Timber Harvest at 0 Jared Sparks Road (32/005-0B) Owner: Eugene R & Marie L Pal Revocable Trust Applicant: Donald DuBois. M. Drobney seconded. **All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

G. Old Business:

H. Correspondence:

I. Staff report and Discussion

J. Public Comment

None

Adjournment

P. Lord Motioned to Adjourn the meeting. M. Drobney seconded. **All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM