

**Willington Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission
July 26, 2021 – 7:30 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Please Note: This meeting was conducted online.

Call to Order

D.Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members Present:

Dave Schreiber

Mark Drobney

Patrick Lord

M.D'Amato, Zoning Agent

Kathy Demers, Conservation Commission

P.Lord made a motion to add the Talmadge Property Discussion, to include K.Demers to the agenda under Discussion item #3. Second by M.Drobney. ***All in favor, motion carries.***

Applications to be received:

None

Approval of Minutes:

April 26, 2021

Public Hearing:

None

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Correspondence:

None

Staff report and Discussion

Discussion on format for future meetings:

M.D'Amato gave an update on the new statutory requirements for holding virtual or hybrid meetings moving forward.

P.Lord indicated that he was comfortable with virtual and hybrid meeting formats and could continue to attend the meetings virtually but that perhaps for a more significant application the Commission should meet in person.

P.Lord made a motion that for the time being the virtual meetings were the most appropriate and that they would consider a move to in-person hybrid meetings for more complex applications in the future. Second by M.Drobney. ***All in favor, motion carries.***

Update on Loves Travel Stop

M.D'Amato gave a brief update on the status of the project to date. He indicated that the contracting of the Clerk of the Works had been finalized and the clearing limits had been staked. The bond was to be provided and a construction trailer should be installed shortly.

Talmadge Property Open Space Grant Acquisition

K. Demers gave a brief presentation to the Commission about the Open Space Grant application that the Conservation Commission is preparing to submit to the State of CT. The Commission reviewed the maps that had been provided. There was a general discussion about the benefits to acquiring this property for the Town as it is contiguous with currently preserved open space lands.

P.Lord made a motion to support the acquisition of the Talmadge property and to provide a letter in support of the application. Second by D.Schreiber. ***All in favor, motion carries.***

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm