

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR IWWC MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2016**

Present: Chairman David Stein, Mike Engels, Dwayne Xenelis, Ralph DePonte, Bruce Chappell (at 7:31 p.m.) and IWW Enforcement Officer Heidi Wallace.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman David Stein.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

3. OLD BUSINESS: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 201 Spencer Plains Road, Assessor Map #163, Lot #81 – Valley Shore YMCA – jurisdictional ruling for a selective timber harvest operation:

Charles Leigus, Certified Forester of Supreme Industries Inc. was present. He stated that he is proposing to do a timber harvest on the YMCA property located on Spencer Plains Road. There are no wetlands on the property and there are no wetland crossings. He stated that he used the UConn database to base the “no wetlands” on the property. A Soil Scientist did not look at the property. He has walked the property very thoroughly while marking the trees and did not see any signs of wetlands. IWW Heidi Wallace stated that she walked the property with Mr. Leigus and did not see any wetlands. Mr. Leigus is requesting “As of Right” by State Statute to harvest the property.

Upon a motion by Dwayne Xenelis, seconded by Mike Engels, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve an “as of right” determination in order for the property of the YMCA located on Spencer Plains Road to be timber harvested.

2. 179 Old Salt Works Road, Assessor Map #192, Lot #34 – permit re-application for the construction of a driveway in the upland review area:

Engineer Bob Doane was present representing applicant Beverly Boccaccio. An application was approved in 2006 and has since expired so they are re-applying with no changes to the original application. They are proposing some work in the review area, but nothing in the wetlands. A detailed site plan will come before the Board of approval before any site construction.

Upon a motion by Mike Engels, seconded by Dwayne Xenelis, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to accept the application for 179 Old Salt Works Road and to place it on the February 2, 2016 Agenda.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Regular Meeting Minutes 10/6/15:

Upon a motion by Ralph DePonte, seconded by Mike Engels, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting, as amended. (Add Dwayne Xenelis under “Members Present”).

B. Chairman’s Comments:

Chairman Stein introduced Phil Davis who may possibly be appointed as a new member of the Board.

C. Correspondence:

1. Fall 2015 copy of The Habitat.

D. Staff Report:

Distributed and discussed.

E. Commission Member Reports:

Bruce Chappell stated that he attended the CACIWC Seminar and took a lot of pictures. He will present them at next month’s meeting.

F. Bills:

Upon a motion by Mike Engels, seconded by Bruce Chappell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of the following bills:

Katie Kelemen – \$73.20 – September Meeting

Katie Kelemen - \$109.80 – October Meeting

CT Assoc. of Flood Managers - \$83.00 – Conference

Robinson & Cole - \$1082.70 - legal review of proposed amendments to the regulations

Heidi Wallace - \$105.00 – Mileage reimbursement 7/1/15 through 11/30/15

Hartford Courant - \$86.96 – Legal notices

Special Accounts: None.

G. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ralph DePonte, seconded by Mike Engels, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary