

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
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**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION MEETINGS MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 DENIS J. RIORDAN ROOM D**  
**BETHEL MUNICIPAL CENTER – 7:00P.M.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman D. Goodrich, K. Stevens, P. Perrefort, and B. Cavagna, Inland Wetlands Agent.

D. Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TOWN OF BETHEL, OLD HAWLEYVILLE ROAD, PULLEN FIELD, SITE PLAN**

B. Cavagna showed a plan of where the applicant is proposing to install lights and a press box.

Motion made by D. Goodrich and seconded by K. Stevens to have the Inland Wetlands Officer draw up a report stating that there are no adverse impacts to the wetlands. Motion passed unanimously.

**STECKS NURSERY, 100 PUTNAM PARK ROAD**

B. Cavagna explained that there have been several calls in reference to a loud mechanical noise at Steck's Nursery. After a site visit, Steve Palmer, Planning & Zoning Officer, spoke with the owner and he said that the operation would cease and the grinder will be removed from the premises. She handed out a draft letter to the owner asking him to address the remaining items notice during the site visit. The commission was all in agreement to send out the letter to the owner.

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## **123 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD, LANDSCAPING**

B. Cavagna stated that the owner is requesting to fill in and level a small area of property in order for his children to play sports safely. The house has a brook that runs along the front. At this time, no permit is necessary due to the small amount of material.

## **FRANC PROPERTY**

This is the property that the town bought. Bob Dibble, Highway Super, has already secured the driveway to the property by install a large cinder block to deter vehicles from entering the backfields. B. Cavagna also said that she has been in contact with the Northwest Conservation District to conduct an environmental assessment of the site to see what the future plans are.

## **ASIAN BITTERSWEET/INVASIVE**

B. Cavagna handed out some information regarding this invasive plant and went over ways to get rid of them according to Coleen Plimpton, Master Gardener.

## **WALNUT HILL CULVERT/WALNUT & WEED ROAD**

B. Cavagna handed out a copy of a letter of approval dated January 4, 2012 to the First Selectmen and a memorandum dated January 12, 2012 to Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer. She explained to the commission that there still remains issues that need to be taken care of. The commission was all in agreement that B. Cavagna draw up a letter of concerns and ask that they be remedied by their next meeting.

## **LETTER FROM NEIGHBORS OF SYMPAUG BROOK**

B. Cavagna handed out a letter dated February 15, 2012. She is a neighbor located near the train trestle on Grassy Plain Street. Attached to the letter is a petition signed by the neighbors for a meeting. Their concerns were the beavers were clogging up the brook with the building of their dams. This item is not in the Inland Wetlands jurisdiction unless a control device was installed, which would a regulated activity. The commission all agreed that a letter be sent out to the neighbor stating that B. Cavagna will refer this out

to the Public Works Department and that a response letter be sent back to the neighbor regarding these concerns.

## **MINUTES**

Motion made by K. Stevens and seconded by D. Goodrich to approve the minutes as presented with changes. Motion passed with P. Perrefort abstaining.

## **INVOICES**

Motion made by K. Stevens and seconded by D. Goodrich to approve and pay the Newstimes the amount of \$496.77. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

*Coleen Cote'*

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Recording Secretary