

**INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.  
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** J. Folsom opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – John Folsom; Chairman; David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; James Rowley, Secretary; Marshall Eaton, Member; Joseph Stoddard, Member; Nancy McMerriman, Member; John Bergendahl, Alternate; William Gould, Alternate; Ryan Brais, WEO; and James Rabbitt, Designated Agent. Absent - Paul Safin, Member; and.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1. Hull Forest Products, 101 Hampton Road,** install 12' gravel drive and round log storage area; will require filling of 4,025 sq. ft. of wetland soils. Normand Thibeault was present for Hull Forest Products. He handed out reduced copies of the revised plans he submitted to the commission tonight. There was discussion of the wetland replication area. Joe Theroux, Soil Scientist, went to the site and augured. Norm read into record a letter from the soil scientist regarding the wetland replication (to create a vernal pool). At this point, Norm stated that he had received a letter from Paul Hennen, dated 12/12/10. The letter was then read into the record by Norm. Paul wants the IWWC to deny this application because he found some inaccuracies. In response, Norm made a clarification that wood chips will be used as a filter berm. In reference to the 1999 contamination of properties, the problem was resolved. Although there were a number of alternatives, he explained why they were neither feasible nor prudent. The commission then asked questions regarding whether the berm is temporary and details of the gravel drive. Norm said that they anticipate only 1-2 trucks per day going to this site. W. Gould asked about snow removal because he said that with this type of slope, they would need to maintain/secure the run off during the thaw. Norm said that they are going to extend the stone berm so any run off would hit and slow down or divert. W. Gould said that the plowing should include clearing snow banks to prevent water from channeling. D. St. Martin then said that there is a proposal for a lot of work in the wetlands. Jamie then said that they have an itemized list of cost estimates. J. Folsom asked if the work was going to be done in house or if they were hiring someone. Norm said that most of the work will be done in house but they might need help with some things. At this point, a letter from J. Rabbitt, dated 2/9/11, was read into record regarding the Public Hearing and his summarization of said public hearing. After he read the letter, Jamie said he had additional items to add: 1) for long term maintenance of gravel driveway, a water bar or leak off should be placed between station 100 and 05; if paved, catch basins are needed every 300'; 2) wood chip berm is needed on the west side of the landing area; 3) regarding the proposed remediation, typically the DEP and the Army Corps do not favorably look upon 1 to 1 replication – any disturbance in the wetlands should be 1.5 to 1, which means 2150 square feet of remediation needs to be added to the original 4300+; 4) the two 15" reinforced concrete needs to have flared ends; 5) ask the Hulls

to install a spill kit with structure to contain spill kit within area of landing area – Norm said he spoke to Mr. Hull and he agreed to doing this; and 6) ultimately, the decision making capability relies with the commission – the commission needs to decide whether the applicant has exhausted all feasible and prudent alternatives and this is all that remains associated with the utilization of this land. J. Bergendahl then asked about an above ground fuel tank he saw on the plans because he was curious if while putting in the road, something happened to the tank, was there anything around there for capture. Norm said that it is a double-walled tank with 110% containment. J. Folsom was concerned that some of the technical questions and responses were not on the plans. Jamie said that we are receiving testimony tonight and it is all part of the Public Hearing record. As there were no more questions or discussion, J. Folsom asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. J. Stoddard made the motion and it was seconded by D. St. Martin. With there being no further discussion, it was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by M. Eaton. J. Rowley seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_