

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of February 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

These Minutes are subject to Approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Mike McCabe, John Davin, Sharon Salling, Craig Ferris

Absent: Kristen Hammar, Mary Curran, Suzanne Guidera

Staff Present: Steve Maguire, Land Use Enforcement Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Mr. Ferris served as acting Chair in Ms. Hammar's absence.

Mr. Ferris opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATIONS

Forest Practice Application

Application FP #17-01 by Fred Miraballes, property located at 7 & 9 Hi Barlow Road, to enlarge existing paddock area, 10 acres of land to be cleared, approx. 8,500 bd. ft.

Mr. Percy Ferris, 43 The Boulevard, Newtown, represented the applicant, Mr. Miraballes. Mr. Ferris gave an overview of the project. He explained that the property was previously farm land with an existing barn, paddock and farm road. The project will be a clear cut except for an existing hedge row and a handful of white oaks and maples by the farm road. Mr. Ferris stated that there will be a 25-ft. buffer of trees between the wetland area and the cutting. A mechanical harvester will be used for the clearing of the trees and stumps. The materials will be hauled away. There will be hay bales and silt fences along the drainage ditch as well as the perimeter of the clearing area. The project will be finished in a month or two depending on the weather. Seeding will take place in the spring.

Mr. Ferris requested a motion. Mr. Davin moved to approve Application FP #17-01 by Fred Miraballes, property located at 7 & 9 Hi Barlow Road, to enlarge existing paddock area, 10 acres of land to be cleared, approx. 8,500 bd. ft. The approved plans are: Forestry Plan, Miraballes Residence, 7 Hi Barlow Road, Newtown, CT, Dated January 9, 2017 and all supporting documents. Mr. McCabe seconded. All if favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 25, 2017.

Under OTHER BUSINESS after "aforementioned property" add "owner", change "Wetland" to "Wetlands". Under APPROVAL OF MINUTES change "Ms. Salling abstained" to "Ms. Salling voted in favor", add "Ms. Curran abstained".

Mr. Ferris requested a motion. Ms. Salling moved to accept the amended minutes from January 25, 2017. Mr. Davin seconded. All in favor. Mr. Ferris abstained. The minutes from January 25, 2017 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Ferris made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Salling seconded. All in favor.

The meeting of February 8, 2017 was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Fried, Clerk.*