

Town of North Canaan
Inland Wetlands
September 23, 2021
Regular Meeting

Present: Chairman Matt Freund, Barry Brown, Eric Whiting, Bob Jacquier, Mike O'Connor

Chairman called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes from August meeting. Mr. Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Mr. Branson not here at start of meeting swapping 1 & 2

1. Sand Road Solar Farm: There was a meeting with Mahoney's, town officials, engineers and things seem to be all set now. Matt could not attend nor did Mike. There was a discussion about the siting council jurisdiction. Mike will contact the siting council. Would like them to start reviewing plans with the town. Chairman said there was nothing that the commission could do.
2. Ian Branson presented before the commission on behalf of the owners of 34 Burton Lane, a 217 acre property. Mr. Branson was brought in to do a 490 on the property. There is white ash and his recommendation is to salvage as of it as possible before it dies. Clearing will create miles of trails. A map of the area was brought to the commission. There is a large crop of red oak, some of which will be cut to hopefully create a new crop of the oak. There will be management of the Japanese Barberry plant which is invasive. There was a discussion regarding the streams on the property which are relatively dry during fall/winter and they would not be impacting the streams. No permits are required, Mr. Branson simply wanted to let the commission know what the plan was for the property. The commission feels that the plan is good and that no permits are required. Mr. Branson is still working on issues with the Norfolk Land Trust.
3. Lone Oak Campsites, proposal of a storage shed for equipment brought before commission last month and this month by Barry Brown. It is a little more than half way into the 100 foot setback, but outside the wetlands. The area is restricted some due to the electric company access road. The building would be 232'x40'. Mr. O'Connor would like to see if it could be moved out of the setback more. Mr. Freund stated his opinion is that it will not affect the wetlands and no further impact on the area than currently. The discussion continued on placement. **Mr. Jacquier moved to table this to a special meeting/field trip to the site to review the area next Thursday September 30 at 5:30pm. Mr. Whiting seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

