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## *Minutes of Regular Meeting Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission March 16, 2011*

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ric Nalette Jr at 7:06 p.m. The following members answered roll call: Sue Peacock, Jonathan Reinert, Stephen Molinelli, James Rollins Jr, Robert Haburey Jr., Scott Eisenlohr, Inland Wetlands agent. Christopher Kiely and Christopher Waring absent excused, Brian O'Heron absent.

**Item 3. Approval of Minutes** – Motion by S. Molinelli to **approve** minutes as amended, Seconded by J. Rollins, except (3) abstained, R. Haburey and S. Peacock and J. Reinert. **Vote:** all in favor-*Motion carried.*

**After further discussion:**

**Motion:** by J. Rollins to **table** approval of minutes 1/19/2011, Second R. Nalette, **Vote:** all in favor. *Motion carried unanimous.*

**Item 4. Agenda Review**

**Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-I would like to add under New Business item 6B. Camp Wahnee
- R. Nalette-I have no objection
- S. Peacock-what will the application number be.
- S. Eisenlohr-application #11-03

**Item 5. Old Business**

**A. Application: IW#10-31**

Application: Bernard Spence

Location: 612 East Wakefield Blvd

Map: 113, Blk: 106, Lot(s) 4, Zone: HLD

Proposal: 154 'gravel driveway from E. Wakefield Blvd to rear of our cottage.

**Discussion:**

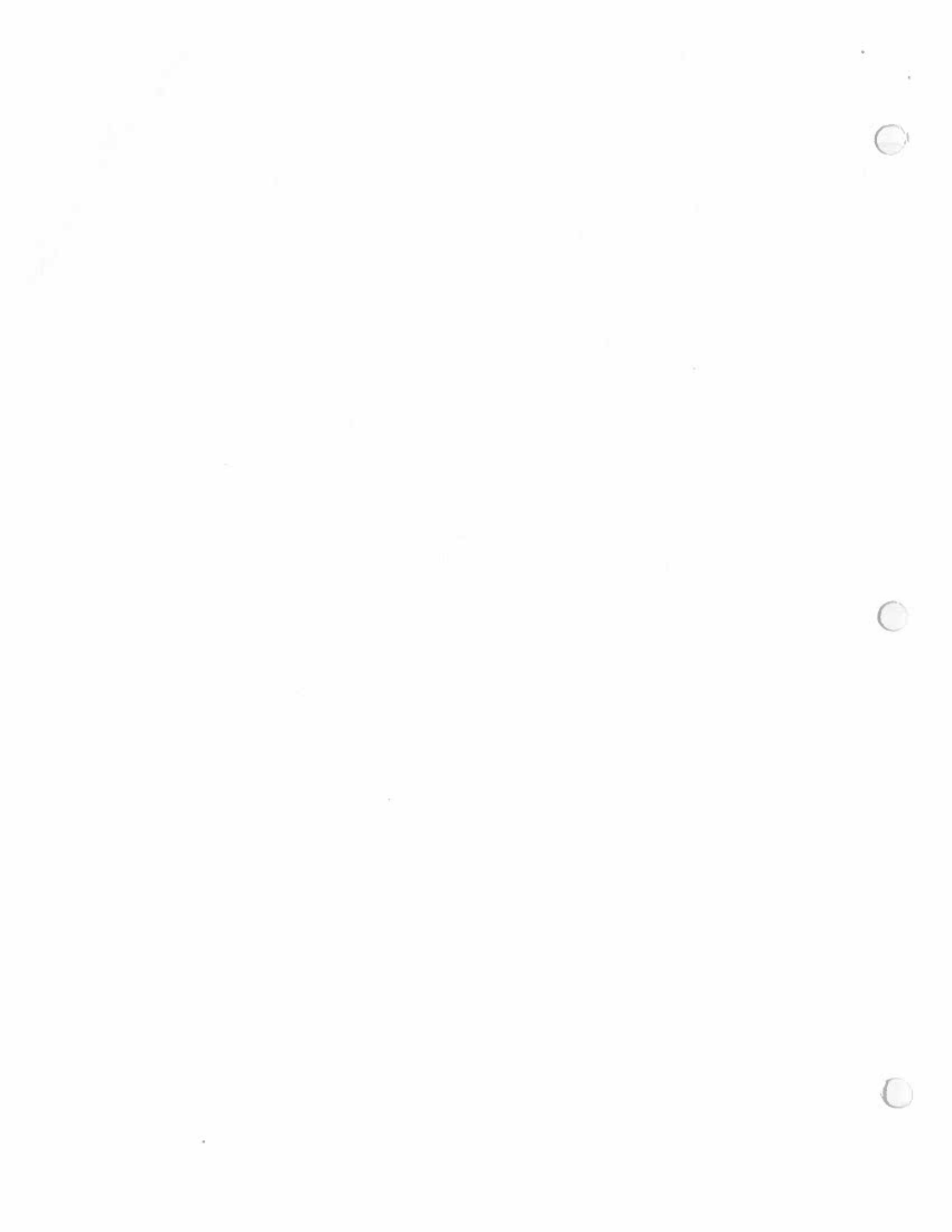
- R. Nalette-we had a letter of extension for the proposed driveway. We were looking for permits from the Public Works Department. Do you know if that has been done S. Eisenlohr?
- S. Eisenlohr-I have reviewed the site with our Public Works Director. We would like to see an engineered plan. It is very steep and I told the applicant he could



either withdraw or extend this for another month. He said he would like to table it because his engineer is away on vacation. He will make a decision for the next meeting either to have an engineered plan or withdraw this application.

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- R. Nalette-did S. Hayden from Northwest Conservation get a chance to look at the application?
- S. Eisenlohr-S. Hayden has not looked at that. He is back logged; I was going to get him to look at several ones.
- S. Peacock-did you see a lot of snow up at that site?
- S. Eisenlohr-walking in the driveway yes, near the road no. It was all melted you could clearly see how steep it was.
- J. Rollins-it is very narrow and it is a very challenging project.
- S. Peacock-do a lot of trees need to come down.
- J. Rollins-for the most part the trees are down already. I'm not sure if it is such a good idea. I have a couple ideas. Is the applicant here? Why don't we table that and discuss the ideas I have and they may suit his needs.
- S. Eisenlohr-I don't see applicants here for items B, C & D. If you want to move onto New Business and come back to those, I will leave that up to you.
- J. Rollins-if I remember the purpose of his application, he wanted to be able to drive down so he didn't have to walk on all the steepness and stairs to get to the cottage.
- J. Rollins-so I went there today and walked around. That driveway proposal is wicked. There is really not enough room there for a car and that is what the engineer is going to say if he gets one. There is not enough room for a car to go down there to turn around and then come back up. I saw two decent alternatives, one he could construct a relatively modest grade circle from the house to, if your at the lake, looking up at the house, he wants to enter the right side of the house, he could wrap that around, there is a relatively gentle path that comes up on the downhill side of the garage and join the parking area that he already has. Pretty reasonable grades that even somebody of elderly or disabled that could navigate fairly well. So that might be something you could mention to him.
- J. Rollins-the other thing I thought of that might be easy for him is to create a ramp right to the second story of the house, just cut a door way in. That is such a steep slope, they are walking down all the steps and ground level is almost half of the second story. If he was able to put a doorway in they could almost walk down a little bit of a slope and the flat right into the upper stairs of the house. That might be a very appealing option to them.
- R. Nalette-so you are suggesting there are feasible alternatives as to the application.
- S. Peacock-do you know who has that, Archie Perez's cottage across the street from Candy. That comes in on the second floor, the kitchen and main living area is downstairs, but they are on a steep hill there too.
- J. Rollins-I think if you propose that to him it might be something he is amenable to.
- S. Peacock-especially now that his application might be able to be processed.
- J. Rollins-I'm sure it would cost him less than what he has proposed for that driveway.
- R. Nalette-anyone else have any comments to make. He has requested an extension which brings us to the end of next month. We will have to make a decision then. We do have a limit.



- S. Eisenlohr-he is already over 65 days because of the weather. If it is ok to do the extension that is what the applicant would like to do.
- J. Rollins-I'm not sure how we can keep it going beyond the limit and I don't think we want to get into the habit of that.
- S. Eisenlohr-I told him by next month we definitely have to make a decision.

**(Carry item so S. Eisenlohr can follow-up with Mr. Spence regarding alternate suggestions regarding driveway)**

**B. Application: IW#05-24 (Modification)**

Applicant: Scott Reed

Location: 23 Griswold Lane

Map: 25, Blk: 153, Lot(s) 127-128, Zone: RU-3

Proposal: Modification

**Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-the association has not responded back regarding the landscape plan that was presented. I think this is due to weather, I expect an answer by our next meeting.
- J. Rollins-has S. Hayden been up to see it.
- S. Eisenlohr-he went up to see it a couple months ago and he was ok with the plan. I need to make sure the association is ok with the planting plan.
- R. Nalette-and because this is a modification and we have no time limit.
- S. Eisenlohr-there is actually no time limits on modifications.

**Motion:** by J. Rollins to table application Application: IW#05-24 (Modification), Applicant: Scott Reed, Location: 23 Griswold Land, Map: 25, Blk: 153, Lot(s) 127-128, Zone: RU-3, Proposal: Modification until next month. Second by S. Peacock. **Vote:** all in favor. *Motion carried unanimous.*

**C. Application: IW#10-36**

Applicant: Peter C. Kores

Location: 18 4A Taylor Brook Rd.

Map: 43, Blk: 154, Lot(s) 18 4 A, Zone: RU-3

Proposal: Build new house

**Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-I looked at the property with the Public Works Director, J. Rotondo, and a driveway permit is not needed because on the plan it says that the driveway for this lot is coming off of the adjoining lot. J. Rotondo seemed to think that there was an area of the driveway that was at the 14% and was fairly steep. This is another one I would like S. Hayden to look at, not only for what kind of driveway to put in but also erosion & soil safety measures could be put on it.
- S. Peacock-on the minutes last month on the application, it says it was approved rather than accept application. When I started to do my homework on this I noticed it said approved.
- S. Eisenlohr-R. Roy and I talked about that and made the change. The one R. Roy is reading from say's accept application.

- J. Rollins-we had discussed something that he needed on the next plan.
- R. Nalette-we will have to go back to the approval of minutes and catch that it should read accept and not approved. So what we have here is an inaccurate set of minutes. I do want the minutes to reflect that the minutes in are pack are in error.
- S. Eisenlohr-the ones filed in the clerk's office are the ones R. Roy read that has application accepted. We have already changed it.
- S. Peacock-can we get the corrected minutes in our packet. I do keep track of these for the future.
- S. Eisenlohr-did we just approve those minutes. Why don't I carry that for the next meeting and give you the correct version. Do you want to change the vote on approving those minutes?
- J. Rollins-I went up there and I think they could tweak that driveway a little bit by raising it at the lower level and giving it a more consistent grade and it might help with the steepest part of the driveway which I calculated out at 14% which is the driveway permit maximum. So it could minimize a little bit with some recon touring of the lower section. I think we ought to consider in the conditions that they pave the serious steep section. The property that this driveway joins into has pavement on the steep section of that one as well. I think that is probably smart to have that conditioned in there. It seems like the engineering on that driveway as far as the surface flow and the drainage was pretty minimal. You just have a flat contour line going across that driveway so it's not sending the water sheeting off to one side or the other which means if it is gravel it is just going to run right down the tire tracks and erode towards the bottom where the wetlands are. So we need a little bit of enhanced engineering on that driveway. Another thing that I noticed, is again today was not the most ideal day to be looking at property with still snow on it and the rain, we have gotten a lot of water flow.
- J. Rollins-I noticed what could be an intermittent water course right directly above where they are proposing the leech field. Again that could be situational just because of the conditions but I have seen them before and I actually had system designs altered because we found those so it's something the engineer should be aware of, and maybe he should be contacted. Maybe we should have S. Hayden take a look at that. This whole driveway is really tight to the wetlands.
- S. Peacock-it has given you a good chance to see what is going on with rain water. What is that possible intermittent water course above is it in the leeching fields?
- J. Rollins-if you are looking at your drawing it would be between the side property and the house and it appears to go right down to where the septic system is proposed. The other thing that we had mentioned last month was that he only has a 50 foot review area marked off not the 75 foot regulated area or the 100 feet from the water course itself so when we are looking at this line it's a little bit deceiving because it's essentially 50% off.
- S. Eisenlohr-we discussed that last meeting
- S. Peacock-is this a buildable lot?
- J. Rollins-yes it is actually a beautiful lot. We just need to make sure that driveway is put in right. If it is gravel it will be a constant source of erosion. It is a little deceiving to look at when it has the 50 foot marking for the regulated area. That will also change his disturbance table up in the corner. He is showing the driveway cross section to have a slope on it but he is not allowing for any kind of swale to catch that water. The water is going to be pretty significant. The driveway is about 600 feet so the water needs to be managed.
- R. Nalette-anymore discussion.
- S. Eisenlohr-I will get S. Hayden up there to measure out the wetlands.

**Motion:** by J. Rollins to **table** Application: IW#10-36 Applicant: Peter C. Kores, Location: 18 4A Taylor Brook Rd, Map: 43, Blk: 154, Lot(s) 18 4 A, Zone: RU-3, Proposal: Build new house pending further information, Second by R. Nalette, **Vote:** all in favor. *Motion carried unanimous.*

**D.. Application: IW#05-16**

Applicant: Dale Picard

Location: 149 Newfield Rd.

Map: 42, Blk: 154, Lot(s) 59, Zone: RU-3

Proposal: Extension for wetland permit

**Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-I told applicant he didn't have to come, it is only an extension of your wetland permit, and he is looking for a 5 year extension. I think this was done by J. Rotondo when he was self employed.
- S. Peacock-we have a lot of information on this, all types of drawings, I went back to my files. There were studies done. We did a good review job on this.
- J. Rollins-wasn't there two applications. Were there one for the road and the house and one for the kennel itself? Weren't they done at the same time? Does he need them both?
- S. Eisenlohr-this one is for the road and the house.
- R. Nalette-so you say this has been in front of us since November of 2010.
- J. Rollins-why haven't we acted on it?
- S. Peacock-in my notes I have, where is the copy of the approval letter of the original application. We need original file and expansion of dog kennel. October 2005 was improvements to existing driveway. I couldn't find the letter S. Eisenlohr sends out.
- J. Rollins-I think we wanted the same conditions put on the approval of the extension.
- S. Eisenlohr-I brought the old file and it has the 12 standard conditions with 13 as the erosion and soil control measures with \$1,000 with no additional conditions.
- R. Nalette-one of the questions we had and the reason why it was tabled last time because it was unclear as to which of the applications they were filing the extension for. So this did come to us within the five year period and it has taken us this long to deal with it.
- S. Peacock-this motion to approve back then was to install a driveway to proposed building lot for application and property of Dale Picard. It doesn't mention any house or anything. We took a bond of a \$1000. Did you get that money?
- S. Eisenlohr-at the entrance of the driveway he had to do a crossing, then five to six hundred feet up further was going to be the house. So we needed it for the crossing.
- S. Molinelli-why wasn't the bond posted yet. So you would still have to collect this bond for the extension. Can you note that in the letter?
- S. Eisenlohr-I usually don't collect the bond until they start the work. They are supposed to call me first so I can set up an onsite meeting.

**Motion:** by J. Rollins to **approve** Application: IW#05-16 Applicant: Dale Picard, Location: 149 Newfield Rd, Map: 42, Blk: 154, Lot(s) 59, Zone: RU-3, Proposal: Extension for wetland permit, Second S. Peacock, **Vote:** all in favor. *Motion carried unanimous.*

- **Subject to following conditions: Conditions 1-12, and 13. Erosion & Sedimentation Control Bond in the amount of \$1,000 to be submitted prior to issuance of permits.**

**Item 6. New Business**

**A. Application: IW#11-02**

Applicant: Peter Nowak

Location: 836 East Wakefield Blvd

Map: 044, Blk: 108, Lot (s) 041/045, Zone: HLD

Proposal: Remove House & Garage and rebuild in same location.

**Applicant: Peter Nowak present.**

**Discussion:**

- P. Nowak-I would like to rebuild the house and the garage. This was at the request of M. Melanson for the garage because the garage is leaning a little bit and he asked me to do something about it, so I contracted with somebody to replace the garage and also to replace the house. That is the purpose of the application.
- S. Peacock-are you Peter?
- P. Nowak-yes.
- R. Nalette-does anyone have any questions regarding the application.
- S. Peacock-my question is with disturbance, you are going to replace the house and replace the garage in the same foot print and how about all the wall work on the property is that all staying the same? Your waterfront wall and your retaining walls.
- P. Nowak-the waterfront walls won't be touched. I think the foundation will be replaced for the house with the same foot print and there is no foundation for the garage it is up on wood. It has been this way since 1927, so there were a little bit different construction methods then. There is a lot of snow on the roof but it hasn't moved it any.
- S. Peacock-is this requiring you to go before any other commissions, where the garage is right on the property line.
- P. Nowak-I think the next step is ZBA because of the height of the house and also with regards to it's on the right of way to the road.
- S. Peacock-what kind of foundation are you putting under the garage?
- P. Nowak-it will be concrete.
- S. Peacock-right now you are saying it is on stilts.
- P. Nowak-that is correct.
- S. Peacock-so that will require some digging.
- P. Nowak-I would imagine yes.
- S. Peacock-what kind of foundation does the existing house sit on?
- P. Nowak-it is concrete wall on three sides and it is open in the front. There is a small wall in front of the building but it is all concrete.
- S. Peacock-where to you park on your property.
- P. Nowak-we have a property across the street.
- J. Rollins-it is a fairly wooded lot, are the trees going to be staying or going.
- P. Nowak-there are no trees on the lot itself, the trees around the garage will be taken down? There is just one black maple that has to come down because it is leaning towards the cottage. If I build a new building I don't want that liability.

- J. Rollins-the concrete retaining walls, the ones right after the lake front are not going to be touched.
- P. Nowak-the ones that hold back the lake are not being touched. The one that is under the house I would imagine that it would be replaced. Everything is going to be in the same footprint.
- J. Rollins-I guess my only question is, if the retaining wall along the water front, once you build your going to pretty much eliminate your ability to get back there and do repairs. So it might be smart to really assess to make sure that you know exactly what you want to do to that wall if anything.
- P. Nowak-are you talking about the wall that holds back the lake.
- J. Rollins-yes.
- P. Nowak-that is poured concrete, it is 75 feet of waterfront so a good 50 feet of it is poured concrete. The rest is stone. We maintain it ourselves.
- J. Rollins-my only point is, if there was something that needed repair now, it would be smart to note it on this application and get it done all at the same time.
- S. Peacock-the only other thing is that there will be complete disturbance on this property. I think we will need to see a lot of soil and erosion measures on the application.
- P. Nowak-its terraced, the front of the area is completely flat with grass. We respect the lake. I would like a lake there for another 50 years.
- R. Nalette-when you come back next month we would like you to have erosion and sedimentation controls shown on your map. S. Eisenlohr can explain that to you and what you need to do.
- J. Rollins-you are probably going to want some type of phase in plan, it's not that easy to do all that work on that little space and just to make sure that all the details are thought of.
- R. Nalette-and S. Eisenlohr can explain what that is as well.
- S. Peacock-is there any plan for disposal of dirt coming out for the foundation because this is right against the road.
- R. Nalette-we would also like to see a stock pile location, I am assuming you will do this on the side of the road, but this will just need to reflect that. S. Eisenlohr will look at these notes that we are giving and will let you know everything you need to do. Will we need an A2 survey of the property when this is done?
- J. Rollins-I know Panning & Zoning will require that as well. The only thing we came up with for next month is proper E&S controls drawn on the plan and a phase in plan just because it is a small difficult site and we want to make sure that all materials are accounted for and activities are choreograph properly.
- S. Peacock-and stock pile for soil.
- S. Eisenlohr-do you have a problem stock piling.
- J. Rollins-no there just isn't a whole lot of room.
- R. Nalette-that will give us 30 days to come down and look at your property and if we find any other questions with it will let you know next month when we decide.

**Motion** made by J. Rollins to accept application IW#11-02, 836 East Wakefield Blvd, Map 044, Blk 108, Lot (s) 041/045, Zone: HLD. Proposal: remove house and garage and rebuild in same location. Second by S. Peacock. **Vote:** all in favor, *Motion carried unanimous.*

**B. Application: IW#11-03**

Applicant: Camp Wahnee

Location: 132 Wahnee Rd

Map: 041, Blk: 157, Lot (s) 16, Zone:

Proposal: add 10 x 25 addition and new concrete piers and foundation on existing art & crafts building.

**Discussion:**

**Applicant: Ideal Woodworking LLC present.**

- R. Nalette-when was this application submitted
- S. Eisenlohr-it was submitted just after the due date. I had spoken to the contractor and he has a couple of additions he is trying to put on existing buildings and I thought about doing an agent approval on this one. It is 70 feet away from the water.
- S. Peacock-what should we put down for an application date?
- R. Utenis-the application was submitted last Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- S. Molinelli-just for the point of clarification are you trying to make this an agent determination or is this an application.
- S. Eisenlohr-I will tell you what, why don't we talk about it and tell me what you think. I thought it could be an agent approval because it is an existing building. You are expanding this foundation, correct.
- R. Utenis-it is on piers now but we are going to put part of it on piers and the rest of it on concrete.
- S. Eisenlohr-R. Utenis why don't you give us a run down on how you are going to approach this project.
- R. Utenis-there is an existing art & crafts building that is in poor shape mainly because of the piers. I would like to add on a 10 x 25 addition to that existing building and we are going to change the piers and on the uphill side we are going to put a foundation wall that the tennis court would butt up against so they could go out to the tennis court and not worry about the tennis balls going under the building. It is 70 feet from the water; I would like to put up a silt fence downhill from the work.
- S. Peacock-what are the degree of slopes there toward the water? How steep is it going down to the water from where you are doing the work?
- R. Utenis-about 20 degrees. 4 to 1 slope.
- S. Peacock-are there trees between this building and the lake.
- R. Utenis-yes it is a wooded area. Actually the proposed work is up hill from the deck that is there but we are going to change the piers on the deck.
- S. Peacock-how many piers?
- R. Utenis-I think 10 or 11.
- J. Rollins-have you seen it S. Eisenlohr?
- S. Eisenlohr-I have been up to the site before.
- J. Rollins-so you are pretty familiar with this.
- S. Eisenlohr-yes, he does have to go before Planning & Zoning, he has another site that is further away and those two are going to be on the Planning & Zoning agenda two weeks from now. My goal is to try to work with the contractor to get this fast tract and when I say fast tract, I think it being 70 feet away it is simple and if I can put

the two buildings which is on the P&Z agenda, then he could start the project and get it completed before camp opens on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

- R. Nalette-I don't see any problem with agent determination unless anyone else can see a problem with that and that way we can give them a little bit of a head start instead of waiting another 30 days for us to decided.
- S. Molinelli-I don't think there are any outstanding issues that we need to remedy this matter regardless.
- S. Peacock-the only thing is will you go out and make sure the E&S is checked before this starts.
- S. Eisenlohr-yes I was going to collect an E&S bond to be on the safe side. It probably won't be much, probably around \$500.
- S. Peacock-and did you collect a fee for the application because it doesn't show here.
- S. Eisenlohr-it is actually on my copy, I collected a fee of \$215, check #7958.
- S. Eisenlohr-so everyone is ok with this and I will make an agent determination. I will move it from New Business to Item 8-Agent Determination. I will do an inspection on the E&S controls and collect a bond prior.
- R. Utenis-thank you for expediting that and adding to your agenda tonight.

**(no motion made item move from New Business to agent determination)**

#### **Item #7-Other Business**

- A. Town of Winchester Ordinance 162
- B. Town of Winchester Inland Wetlands Regulations - possible amendments/revisions.
- C. Bylaws Town of Winchester Inland Wetlands Commission amendments/revisions.

#### **Discussion:**

- R. Nalette-this continues to be on our agenda so we can look at it as we evolve and if we actually need to make revisions if we encounter issues that we need to amend our regulations or by laws. I have been keeping a list and there are some things that we certainly need to talk about but I feel at this time it is not necessary.
- S. Peacock-can you give us an idea of some of these things you are thinking about
- R. Nalette-how about dredging the lake
- R. Nalette-what do you do with a nonconforming dock that is actually used by several different properties.
- R. Nalette-sand in the lake

#### **Steap Grant Committee discussion:**

- J. Rollins-as the wetland liaison to the Steap Grant Committee they are trying to get feedback from each of the land use commissions as to what these grant dollars could be used for to help each of the land use committees with their job. I suggested that the either fund or partially fund a dredging study for Highland Lake. I just wanted to tell you that this was one of the things I recommended and also find out if there was anything else and I asked about education.
- S. Eisenlohr-which committee was this for.

- J. Rollins-Steap, if there is anything else the grant money would be welcomed for just give me a call or email me and I will pass it on to the committee. We meet every second Thursday.
- R. Haburey-how much is there.
- J. Rollins-it changes every year and we may not getting anything this year because of the way the Steap grants are being given out, they just take that money for something else. We want to have shovel ready things to take that money and use if for.
- S. Molinelli-has the town received other grants and have they been completed?
- J. Rollins-Steap money has been used for a lot of things; I think it was behind the Main St enhancement, the island's going down Main St.
- S. Peacock-and the park being done.
- S. Eisenlohr-I think Main St was something else.
- S. Peacock-the other thing that possibly they could get the Steap money, is looking for completion of the greenway into Winsted from Torrington. I know that it has been brought up at P&Z and EDC. I think if we can get any money in this town it should be to further benefits of the town.
- J. Rollins-that was discussed. There are certain things the money can be used for.
- R. Nalette-they won't let you do administration costs but they will let you pave a driveway or a parking lot that doesn't even belong to the town.
- S. Peacock-I am personally against the rumor that I heard that they are considering paving the parking lot near the skate park.
- R. Nalette-that is what they did with last year's Steap money.
- S. Peacock-it would be better to put the money across the street to the children's playground.
- S. Peacock-can that money go towards retaining roads.
- S. Eisenlohr-if the grant says that it can be.
- J. Rollins- we are looking at W. Wakefield Blvd were the tablet is, those guardrails are hanging over and the road is starting to collapse. We went first for safety issues and again we haven't even decided what we are going to put out there. We are in the process of creating a giant list.
- S. Peacock-is there a lot of people on the committee?
- J. Rollins-it is a pretty good size number that have been invited but we only been getting like four people to the meetings. So if you know somebody that would like to be on it, let me know.
- R. Haburey-when does that meet?
- J. Rollins-I think it is every second Thursday.
- S. Eisenlohr-could you possibly give me that Steap list, so I can include it in the packet. This is what I have been doing with other commissions. I am going to carry you on the agenda on communications as Steap Update. When you mentioned the plan for dredging at the lake, I thought there was a plan for that. You are looking for shovel ready projects and I think that plan has been around for years we just didn't have the money to implement it.
- J. Rollins-are you talking behind the dam.
- S. Eisenlohr-actually I thought it was the cove on the lake.
- J. Rollins-I will get that list to you so you can distribute it.
- S. Peacock-it would be interesting if P&Z, EDC, IWC came up with the same kind of ideas and if we should all be behind one plan, rather than compete against each other.

- J. Rollins-that would certainly help the process. They also try to piggy back on the existing grant money, like projects that dovetail together so that you are getting maximum benefit.

### **Item#8-Agent Determination**

**A.**

**Application: IW#11-04**

**Applicant: Camp Wahnee**

**Location: 132 Wahnee Rd**

**Map: 041, Blk: 157, Lot (s) 16, Zone:**

**Proposal: add 10 x 25 addition and new concrete piers and foundation on existing are & crafts building.**

- **(agent determination, discussion under New Business)**

### **Item #9-Warnings**

**A. Mr. Neil Jenney, 151 Chapel Rd-Pending Inland Wetland Application-not present.**

#### **Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-Mr. Jenney was told to come to our meeting, we told him January to come to our February meeting, he did come to our February meeting but we did not have a quorum, so I told him to be at tonight's meeting. He called and said he couldn't make tonight's meeting, so he will be here at next month's meeting. The neighbor Mr. Chatfield is here in the audience and would still like to speak on this, as he has been waiting patiently for several months for this to get resolved.
- R. Nalette-would you come forward please.
- J. Chatfield-to refresh everyone's memory, June of last year I contact S. Eisenlohr to tell him my neighbor had dug a ditch around his property and put it onto our property. There is another neighbor which had water problems who is Mr. Rotondo, who is our Public Works Director. These are some old pictures that I showed the board last time, they are stamped on with a camera print date 5/91. This is when Mr. Jenney put his satellite coral; it is one of those 10 x 12 round satellite dishes. He had a couple of them in the coral and I came to the wetlands board way back then, you will see all the mud, they did nothing about it. He put this in a wetlands area, so that was over 10 years ago. He took his coral down last year in June and he dug a ditch. These are the up to date pictures of the ditch. If anyone has a computer you can look under Google maps, some where's in July they took a picture of it overhead and you can see it clearly dug. These pictures were done just a couple of days after he dug the ditch. I approached him and told him that you just can't dig a ditch and dump the water onto me. He created all that soil erosion control, my swale behind my house is all filled in now, worse than it was back in October. The board had voted in October to put in some soil & erosion measure controls in, nothing has been done. I have talked to S. Eisenlohr every month, to see what is going on. Mr. Jenney had put one hay bale down in September and here is a close up picture of the hay bale. These

pictures are from this afternoon. A couple weeks ago we had another heavy rain, the banks had thawed out, everything is caving in, and my whole back yard is silted in. The swale out there is no more, it is on my lawn. It is over my walk bridge that I have down further, so I can repair the fence if a tree goes down and hits the fence. The silt is completely full and over the walk bridge.

- S. Peacock-is the water on your side of the fence or his.
- S. Molinelli-are you taking these pictures from his side.
- J. Chatfield-yes
- S. Peacock-so this is an overflow from the trench he dug.
- J. Chatfield-it is now 10 feet wide, it's a brook, and it's a running river.
- S. Peacock-have you ever had water there before.
- J. Chatfield-I put a swale in there to pick up anything that comes off the hill behind the house, but he changed the whole water course up here by doing that.
- S. Molinelli-in these pictures, which is your property and which one is his.
- J. Chatfield-this is his with the ditch inside.
- S. Molinelli-and this is yours on the other side of the ditch.
- J. Chatfield-yes, this was taken when he did it back in June.
- S. Peacock-before he put this ditch in what would happen when you had heavy rain.
- J. Chatfield-it would sit there, Rotondo's pond, there are two stone walls, S. Eisenlohr has the old map, there were two stone walls about 12 feet apart. Rotondo's property is here and mine is here.
- S. Peacock-where is his building. You are calling this wetlands, has this been tested as wetlands.
- J. Chatfield-yes it has been tested.
- S. Eisenlohr-it is shown on the map as wetlands.
- R. Nalette-I remember when you came in front of us originally, one of the issues was Mr. Jenney stated that the ditch has been there forever and that he was just repairing and maintaining it.
- R. Nalette-S. Eisenlohr you were going to do a little more looking into that, did you have any luck finding out the origins of the ditch.
- S. Eisenlohr-I have this map and the map shows, it points to the stream that J. Chatfield is talking about. It says it is normally a dry stream bed per the plan and then it says the overflow during heavy rains will head that way. This map is dated 1986.
- J. Chatfield-that is a flood map and that is his property.
- S. Eisenlohr-Mr. Jenney would like to come here, because Mr. Jenney is saying that there was always something there.
- J. Chatfield-I still have a few more pictures from today.
- S. Molinelli-what is the remedy, he has been here before, where are we going with this.
- S. Eisenlohr-that would be a good question for J. Chatfield, what would you like see done.
- J. Chatfield-it has to be filled in and there needs to be some sort of soil & erosion control measures, which the board has all ready done and nothing has been done about it.
- S. Eisenlohr-Mr. Jenney has only put in one hay bale which isn't sufficient.
- S. Molinelli-so that is what the violation is?
- S. Eisenlohr-so when Mr. Jenney comes in and he says it's a swale we will be in the middle of his story and J. Chatfield's.
- S. Peacock-it sounds like in order to remediate this we are going to need an engineered plan on how to stop the water from flowing onto his property.

- S. Molinelli-at whose expense?
- S. Peacock-the property owner's expense.
- S. Eisenlohr-that is why I have pointed out that plan because it shows the stream and it shows that it over flows during heavy rain. Now is it heavier than usual, I would think so.
- J. Chatfield-that is on his property. The ditch has already collapsed and is undermining the stone wall. That pond is going to be in my back yard in a couple months if we get heavy rains.
- R. Haburey-where does the water go after it leaves your back yard. Is there another trench.
- J. Chatfield-down behind our house, the school house property, the town owns and has a basketball court on it, what happens is if you look on Google Maps, on the right hand side of the basketball court, there is a ditch going down which has collected all the water on the other side of the stone wall years ago, that was the old school house property. It is still there the water still flows there on town property. I didn't have that much water behind my place because the town had its own ditch. You can still see the swale and it goes down to the front then it crosses the street.
- S. Peacock-have you spoken to Mr. Jenney about this?
- J. Chatfield-the second day after he did it my wife and I went over and told him that he couldn't do that and he threw us off the property. We talked to J. Rotondo and he said he didn't know anything was going on.
- S. Peacock-if he was maneuvering around in wetland soils, digging them up and changing the course of a water course then it's an issue. If it is an act of nature and it is just high ground water and nothing else, then that is different.
- J. Chatfield-J. Rotondo's pond will be in my back yard if we get more heavy rain. It has already undermined one stone wall and the ditch Mr. Jenney dug is getting deeper and deeper.
- S. Peacock-are you saying the remediation has to start on J. Rotondo's property?
- J. Chatfield-no Mr. Jenney has to fill that ditch in to stop the flow of water.
- S. Peacock-S. Eisenlohr what is Mr. Jenney's side of the story?
- S. Eisenlohr-his side of the story is, he said since 1986 that has been an existing swale. He did maintenance to the existing swale and it was always there. He only put one hay bale. J. Chatfield says it is obviously getting wider. I am sure because of the winter and all the water we had has not made it any better for J. Chatfield because Mr. Jenney's property was never stabilized properly.
- S. Peacock-the way I read it is, an engineering problem which needs to be remediated. It's for a specialist to decide what needs to be done.
- R. Nalette-considering that we have already tried to address this issue with a warning and violation with a request to put in better erosion and soil controls and doesn't seem like he has really fulfilled that, I think at the very least what we can do today is move it from a warning to a violation and require him to install better erosion and soil controls.
- S. Peacock-the first thing that needs to happen is we need an engineered plan, because it obviously can't be done by an amateur, it isn't getting resolved. And I think S. Eisenlohr as an enforcement agent I think you have to be all over it.
- S. Eisenlohr-I think Mr. Jenney is going to come in and say that it was already there but because this has been going on for so long and because the erosion and soil controls are not sufficient. I could send him a citation, it has never been done before. We have never used it before because the officials here do not issue them because of a statute, that says the person that we issue it to can turn around and sue us. But if I look at the site at J.

Chatfield's and there is erosion like he says there is on his property and I take pictures to back up my citation, then I should take the pictures, issue him a citation and tell him if he isn't at the next meeting, I can send a letter showing just cause hearing letter and that you have to be here next month or we will continue this citation daily if you are not here. Let us hear his side of the story.

- S. Peacock-do we have to go to those hard ball measures, can we just call him and try to communicate with him.
- J. Rollins-we have tried communicating with him. I think R. Nalette is on the right track from turning it from a warning to a violation and issuing a citation.
- S. Molinelli-it is my understanding that, if he put up proper erosion and soil controls we wouldn't be here right now. If he followed through we wouldn't be in the middle. If he remedies by putting up the proper controls that satisfies the commission.
- J. Rollins-I guess if indeed what he did and I can only tell you based on what I think, I think he tried to maintain the existing contours and got carried away. Where does that turn to a hard core violation or where does it turn to just let us remediate the situation. That is the question in my mind, if we thought he way over did the maintenance it would be a violation and we would have to remedy the problem. That could be done my simply stopping the erosion but then something has to be done with the erosion that has already occurred. I went up an looked at it when we first got the warning put on the agenda and I didn't set up a laser and check grades but to me my eye pretty much told me what this piece of paper is saying, where that water was going, which direction it was going, which leads me to believe that that swale was there to be maintained. He didn't have the skills to do it as well as it should be done and the fact that he dug it to that depth is what caused the problem, the erosion control should have been there. I don't think it was a malicious thing and I don't think anyone intended to cause damage but the fact of the matter is, if the erosion is actually gathering on J. Chatfield's property that should be taken care of and the source of that erosion should be taken care of.
- S. Peacock-my point is I agree with everything J. Rollins is saying, I just don't think he knows how to remediate it and that is why I am bringing up somebody going in there and knows how to fix it. Even if he has to hire someone to get it fixed right. Get it engineered and get it fixed right.
- J. Rollins-I think that is probably the right way to do it. I think to have an engineer present a plan is the right step.
- R. Nalette-is this something you want to send S. Hayden to.
- S. Eisenlohr-S. Hayden would only be good for erosion control measures.
- S. Eisenlohr-I will tell Mr. Jenney he will have to get an engineered plan and to resolve the issue.

(Carry item)

#### **Item #10-Violations**

##### **A. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Muscolino, 546 W. Wakefield Blvd-not present.**

##### **Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-this is another gentlemen that put sand into the beach. It is over my Woody Dawson's.
- S. Peacock- It's not next to W. Dawson's, is this the three story modular house that was put in, next to Werthiem's house.

- S. Molinelli-this has nothing to do with that retaining wall does it?
- S. Eisenlohr-no
- R. Nalette-so what is their story. What is your recommended course of action.
- S. Eisenlohr-can I think about it? I am trying to keep them separate.
- R. Haburey-that is going to be hard to do.
- S. Peacock-it is a clear black and white as far as I'm concerned. One is dumping sand in the lake for personal use.
- S. Eisenlohr-I don't think everyone will see it that way.
- J. Rollins-I'm not sure I see it that way myself.
- R. Haburey-I don't.
- J. Rollins-my position on the Lauzon one is if the material they put in was significant enough to bother putting in, then it is significant enough to be taken out. If they put it in and it made a difference then it has to come out.
- S. Peacock-they showed a picture where they were restoring what was there before.
- R. Nalette-how much material was deposited into the lake?
- S. Eisenlohr-a couple yards. The letter came back so he doesn't know he is in violation yet.
- S. Eisenlohr-I will send another letter to him and follow-up.
- R. Nalette-that is certainly fair. Let's get that letter back out in the mail so he knows that he is in violation so he can come visit us.

(Carry item)

#### **B. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lauzon, 128 E. Wakefield Blvd-present**

##### **Discussion:**

- S. Eisenlohr-Mr. Lauzon is here because he added sand to the lake bed.
- R. Lauzon-the bog that flowed in last Spring brought all kinds of stuff, we couldn't use our beach last summer because it was all mud, stumps, garbage. What I did and Jack, the lowered the lake. We were cleaning at the beach as well as our property. We took stuff out you wouldn't believe, loads and loads. Then when the water was down, I went in and took all the muck up, load by load, with a little quad with a dump body in the back. I did that for almost two weeks. I have a garden across the street at my son's house and I just kept dumping it over there. What we did after, we got washed sand from O'Connor's that we spread across four neighbors, just to bring the beach back they way it was. I have been taking care of that beach for 50 years.
- B. Haburey-did you put sand in the beach itself or just in front of your property.
- S. Peacock-just in front of their property.
- S. Peacock-just for clarification, these pictures are of your waterfront.
- M. Rouleau-there is a satellite picture
- S. Peacock-in my mind this is remediation.
- R. Lauzon-we took glass, broken bottles, grandchildren could get hurt with all this in the lake.
- R. Nalette-S. Eisenlohr what is your take on this.
- S. Eisenlohr-we had meetings for the town beach to be cleaned up and during that meeting I said it doesn't only affect the town beach it affects the neighbors around East Wakefield and Shore Drive. So could we have them pick up their debris and

have Public Works pick it up to help them along with the town beach and the answer was no. If we do it for some then we have to do it for all. My reply was it is only in one area. The applicant Mr. Lauzon only did what the town did for the town beach. He did the same thing to his own property, the only difference is we didn't put sand on the beach. Alls he did was put a skim coat along his area and the neighbors to try to restore it the way it was before the bog damaged it. The process I would say is, how do we handle it without opening a door, accept the application and try to come up with some creative solutions if that is the direction the commission wants to take. I already told him, that I would have to mention the after fact permit but the commission can override me.

- Shirley Allshouse-I just wanted to point out to the commission that the Inland Wetlands Act talks about the actual lake bed when we talk about violations as far as definition of material and removal of material. This was not the actual lake bed and I think that is how you can get around it as far as setting a precedent. I use to sit on your commission and I respect the rules and I think and I am hoping that, this is a unique situation and is really out of the realm of normal regulations that says no you can't go in and fill the lake up with sand but this emanated from a permit that came from the town that was a direct result of the bog. So he didn't disturb the actual lake bed alls he did was take out debris.
- S. Molinelli-I think S. Allshouse and S. Peacock made appropriate reference to the remediation aspect of it because this commission did give the town permission to remediate the beach to the point where we allowed big machinery into the lake bed and in the process of remediation his own property, there was no mention of any machinery other than removal of debris and filling the holes and sunks that occurred as a result of the bog lifting stuff out of the ground. If we allow the town to do it, under extenuation circumstances, and S. Eisenlohr indicated that the neighboring homeowners were affected by the same circumstances and remediation should they want to maintain their waterfront the way town maintained the beach had to be addressed and I think he addressed it.
- R. Nalette-I certainly have no problem with the removal of the bog material which was caused from the remediation of the town beach and I don't think we should hold Mr. Lauzon responsible for what we allowed the town to do, in fact this whole process to deal with bog stuff. The fact that you dealt with the bog, fantastic and I bless you for doing it. I am kind of on the fence about the depositon of sand, while this is certainly a special situation, I don't think we can certainly call it unique. There are a lot of other properties on the lake that would certainly like to dredge their bottoms and put down sand so they could do some swimming. I really don't want to set that precedence. So S. Eisenlohr tell us again what are our options.
- S. Eisenlohr-we could accept their remediation plan, I can refer to that next month and we could take a look at it. If you asking me I am probably going to draft a letter to approve it. Although it is not consistent what I have done in the past, but I clearly understand where they are coming from.
- R. Haburey-how much material did you put in for sand? Do you have that figure?
- S. Eisenlohr-how many loads of sand?
- R. Lauzon-it was one truck load from O'Connor's of washed sand, about 18 yds., it was spread out in front of five neighbors.
- S. Peacock-Like I said before, I think it was remediation but I also commend them for being care takers of the Lake and taking the time to pulling all that crap out of the lake bottom which was doing is no good for anything, and the effort for what

that did to clean up that area where Public Works beach was cleaned up by a large number of people. Here these people took care of that area and restored to a degree. I know we have big feelings about dumping sand into the lake and most cases I would totally be against it because I think homeowners selfishly dump sand into the lake just to have a better swimming area and it has been done. As we all know it is all over the lake, people sneak it in whenever they can and are caught at it and it really isn't good for the lake.

- R. Rouleau-my husband was so concerned about kids skiing and tubing, that he when you see one of those pictures with all the longs on the beach, the original clean up he did. He went out day after day with his waiters and hauled in all that stuff, so it wasn't a selfish thing, he did the beach and he did it the day the men were working there.
- R. Haburey-I have seen guys out there on numerous occasions but the extent of bringing in 18 yds of material, wouldn't you have thought to come and ask S. Eisenlohr. You know the rules of the lake and you are bringing in 18yds, somebody should of come in and spoke with the inland wetland agent.
- S. Peacock-I think we should an after the fact permit on this, it should go on record that this happen, and that they did come in front of us. There should be some form of payment come in, whether it be a wetland issue. I'm not sure if it should be an after the fact or not but this should be filled out and on record what exactly what was done there and when it was done. We are setting ourselves up for future people coming in and saying well they did it and they didn't get a permit for it. It's unfortunate that it wasn't part of the total permit of pick up and restoration of that whole area. I am sure there are other homeowners in that area that had waterfronts destroyed. So is it possible to have them pay an application fee so that it is on record.
- J. Rollins-just keep in mind that this has a tendency to set precedence and there are so many people that will be happy to pay an after the fact permit fee to dump a load of sand in the lake. So we need to be very careful.
- S. Peacock-but in most cases if somebody dumped a load of sand in the lake we would have made them take it out and that is one of the things we could do but in this case they are restoring waterfronts that were destroyed by this bog and if somebody else came to us and said I am going to dump sand in because the ice destroyed my waterfront. I always felt that we should look at everybody that comes in front of us not as a cookie cutter it's the same way all around. I have grown to dislike the edict that what's good for one is good for all because you have all kinds of different waterfronts up there. I think it falls on us as a wetland group to understand the differences in what we are dealing with.
- S. Molinelli-again I agree with S. Peacock that this is not a cookie cutter answer. This commission in the past has made exceptions to very rigid rules. One, the beach allowing major machinery onto the lake bed to skim off the muck and debris, two we allowed a homeowner on East Wakefield Blvd to put a new wall in front of an existing wall because they couldn't tear out the old wall do to the topography of the ground from the road down to the lake. Three, we allowed a homeowner to leave some type of 10 x 10 platform or pad that was on the bottom of the lake because we deemed it wasn't her intent to do it that way but it was done that way and that is was more prudent for the lake to leave it that way rather than interrupt it. So we have violated sort of speak things that we thought were sacred and I think you have to look at intent, was the intent to put sand on the lake

- is selfish and to get a better waterfront or to expand your waterfront then we have acted appropriate in those manners also.
- J. Reinert-I think I made a similar comment about the town beach, the fact is there are sandy beaches in a lake and have been there, I don't know, longer than I have been here. There is a rule that essentially says that you can't maintain them. There is an incongruity there. They are not going to stay there forever without maintenance. So at some point I think we have to address when it is ok and when it is not. Is it ok if the beach exists to maintain it or repair it after an extraordinary event or is it not. When we make that decision we better be comfortable with it consistently.
  - R. Nalette-this kind of goes back to a point you made J. Rollins a while ago about the mission of inland wetlands and are we here to preserve the natural process of the lake, a waterfront or wetlands. Or are we here to preserve the existing conditions. And that is something we really haven't discussed. I think this is a prime example of what we are trying to do here. Are we trying to preserve highland lake as it exists today or are we trying restore highland lake to what it was 25 years ago or are we trying to let highland lake utrafi naturally. This is very significant and it makes a huge impact on our decisions. With that being said, I think I would like to give everybody a chance to think about that exact question. So I would like to take S. Eisenlohr's advice to accept this as an application, give them an after the fact permit fee and that will give us another 30 days to think about. Then at the end of that 30 days we can turn around and say thank you very much, we can refund our after the fact permit fee because we feel that you have done the best thing for the lake or we can turn around and say I am very sorry but that sand has got to go at your own expense. I think that gives us a little bit more time to consider amongst ourselves the ramifications of our decision and how we need to deal with the lake now and in the future.
  - S. Molinelli- are they in violation as of know and is there any penalty attached to the violation?
  - S. Eisenlohr-yes they are in violation.
  - R. Nalette-I think the violation should stay until we approve the application.
  - J. Rollins-the violation remains, that is the purpose of the application, when the application is resolved then it is removed from violation.
  - S. Eisenlohr-no, when you say penalty the only thing I usually ask for and tell people is when I do a project there is an after the fact permit fee, an it doesn't mean the commission has to approve it. It is because you have already done the project and your are submitting the fee. They can still say no even with the after fact fee. People are under the impression that it is going to be approved and I tell them that's not the way it works.
  - S. Molinelli-so there is no financial attachments to the violation at this point?
  - S. Eisenlohr-no.
  - R. Haburey-I have a question, they mentioned that they dumped sand in front of five neighbors property, why is there only one name on the application. Shouldn't it be sent to the others as well as Mr. Lauzon?
  - S. Peacock-why is there only one name on the application.
  - R. Rouleau-the neighbors cleaned up their yards but they didn't ask for sand.
  - S. Eisenlohr-Mr. Lauzon put it into the lake bed himself. The neighbors don't own the section of the lake that he spread it on.
  - J. Rollins-what section was that you were reading from.

- S. Allshouse-section 22a-40.

**Motion:** by R. Nalette to accept application 11-04, R. Lauzon, 128 E. Wakefield Blvd, to restore waterfront to condition before the bog. Second by S. Peacock, except (1) abstained R. Haburey.  
**Vote:** all in favor. *Motion carried.*

**Item #11-Communication & Bills:**

A. Chairman Report-no report.

B. Ric Nalette, salt-calcium at Highland Lake – Public Works information

**Discussion:**

- S. Peacock-it is amazing the difference between last winter and this winter.
- R. Nalette-I have sent an email to J. Rotondo asking how he feels about the new product, its cost, its efficiency etc. I haven't gotten anything back from him yet.
- S. Eisenlohr-I'm sure he is probably waiting to see what the sweeping costs will be this year.
- R. Nalette-it is significantly more expensive. It is seventy nine cents a lane mile as opposed to twenty three something for salt and sand.
- R. Nalette-the savings is in the clean up and change in overtime because with salt and sand you have to go right out at the beginning of the storm. With this stuff you can spread it earlier so you don't have to change your schedule.
- R. Haburey-is it doing anything to the road itself?
- R. Nalette-not that I have seen but I'm not an engineer.
- J. Rollins-I think that this has been such an extreme winter, the frost heaves have been worse I have ever seen. And part of it could be we never had the freeze thaw, freeze thaw, thing. So we really didn't get a true test on how this stuffed worked.

C. IWC Grant

**Discussion:** see below under item F

D. Winchester Land Trust – Jen Perga-no update.

E. Clerks Hours

**Motion:** by R. Nalette to pay clerk 4 hours for the minutes of 1/19/2011, Second by J. Rollins, (1) abstained R. Haburey. **Vote:** all in favor. *Motion carried.*

F. Ad hoc committee start grant writing

**Discussion:**

- R. Nalette-it has come to my attention that there are wetlands grants available, if someone was available to do a variety of projects, such as the 5 Star Restoration Grant and the Wetland Development Program Grants.

- R. Nalette-this is basically money that is out there and available for us as a wetland agent to achieve certain goals. It has to do with helping us study things, education, etc.
- R. Nalette-I make a motion that we start an Ad Hoc Committee to come up with a list of projects so we have it when the funding becomes available. There is no way we can get an application in by this April, but if we can come up with a list of projects, just like Steap is doing and when the funding is made available, we can say hey we got this to match.
- R. Nalette-I would like wetlands to be able to tie into some of these Steap projects. Some of the things I thought about considering were the River Walk extension to fund wetland education aspects of this project.
- R. Nalette-we could use the money to study the new salt on highland lake
- R. Nalette-the highland lake watershed is currently doing it and we could assist them.
- R. Nalette-potentially we could use the money to dredge the detention basin at the dam. To prevent further sedimentation of the bay
- R. Nalette-we could study the bay, S. Eisenlohr so you are saying we actually have a plan?
- S. Eisenlohr-yes I think we have a plan.
- R. Nalette-it has come up in front of us a lot.
- S. Eisenlohr-that is why I think Steap could help us then we can expand on it.
- R. Nalette-S. Molinelli had asked last meeting what was our authority to do this kind of thing. One of the things I had talked about was how the wetland commission could potentially have the authority to tell the town, you are not following the rules to dredge these basins. I'm not suggesting that the inland wetlands force the town to do anything but what I am suggesting that we can certainly come up with money to help them do it. If they can't dredge the basins because our sand sucking machine has been broken for the last six months and they don't have the money to fix it, well our grant money could do that. Where do we get our authority it is right in our regulations, according to "what is legally required", the last published addition was in 2004 and is under the specific powers and duties of the inland and wetland watercourse agent. Those catch basins are depositing material into the lake and we have the regulatory authority to say Winsted you have to do this. I am trying to help the town protect our watershed.
- R. Nalette-it was suggested that we get members from IWC, P&Z, EDC, the conservation commission, a member of the Steap committee, etc. It suggests that we contact schools.
- S. Molinelli-with unfunded mandates you are still required to what is expected whether the funds are available or not. I happen to support the notion that we have the power, I think we should make use of that power. I am viewing it differently, you are saying I don't want to tell the town to clean out and I am using the basins as an example, if they aren't doing it and it impacts on the lake, we deal with an individual for doing something and we take it seriously, where the town is in violation because either a machine is not working, insufficient funds or any other excuse they provide. We are kind of taking it out on the little guy and we are letting the big picture evolve in a very negative way.
- S. Peacock- it's not just the lake, when you take a walk downtown, you will notice all the catch basins that are flowing into the river they are all clogged and loaded with crap and there not working.

- R. Nalette-that is why I felt this Ad Hoc subcommittee would be essential to helping solve a lot of these problems. There are grants out there for everything it is just a matter of have a project ready when the grant comes available. Obviously I am going to serve on it, I just asked J. Rollins, and he said he will serve on it, is there anybody else on wetlands that would like to serve on it.
- R. Haburey-I would be happy to sit in, if time allows me to.
- S. Eisenlohr-if you send it to me I can put it in the packet.

**Item #12. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn:** at 9:40 p.m. by J. Reinert, Second by B. Haburey. **Vote:** all in favor - *motion carried unanimous.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Rhonda Roy  
Minutes Secretary

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail. The text also mentions that proper record-keeping is essential for identifying and correcting errors in a timely manner.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the role of internal controls in preventing fraud and misstatements. It highlights that a strong internal control system is necessary to ensure that all transactions are properly authorized, recorded, and reviewed. The text also notes that internal controls should be designed to be effective and efficient, and should be regularly evaluated and updated.

3. The third part of the document discusses the importance of transparency and communication in financial reporting. It emphasizes that providing clear and concise information to stakeholders is essential for building trust and confidence in the organization's financial performance. The text also mentions that transparency is a key component of corporate governance and is necessary for ensuring the long-term success of the organization.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of ethical behavior in financial reporting. It emphasizes that all financial transactions should be recorded and reported accurately and honestly, and that any attempts to manipulate financial statements are strictly prohibited. The text also notes that ethical behavior is essential for maintaining the integrity of the financial reporting process and for ensuring the long-term success of the organization.