

# WETLANDS COUNCIL

## MINUTES

October 9, 2007

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The Wetlands Council met on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 in room 112 at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

**Attendees:** Chairman Lawrence E. Morse, John S. Cobb, Thomas Chrisenton, Dennis Danna, Camilla Lockwood, Dennis Lydon, Steve Perry, Thomas Sloan, and David Thompson

**Absentees:** Sharon Champagne, Paul W. Goodwin, Seth Prescott, Jack Ruderman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Morse at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

Chairman Morse recognized our new Council Clerk, Amy Samson. He also welcomed the new member to the council, Steve Perry, NH Fish and Game designee.

### 1. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2007 Council Meeting

***A motion was made by Councilor Danna and seconded by Councilor Thompson to accept the minutes of September 11, 2007. It was unanimously voted with two abstentions.***

### 2. Status of Appeals

- Docket No. 07-18 WtC – Tom McKay – Hi Spot Condominium: WB #2007-00321  
Timely filed.

***A motion was made by Councilor Chrisenton and seconded by Councilor Cobb to accept this Appeal. Motion was voted unanimously with one abstention.***

Tom Chrisenton was appointed Hearing Officer.

- Docket No. 07-22 WtC – Claire Salois: WB#2006-03223  
Timely filed.

***A motion was made by Councilor Cobb and seconded by Councilor Chrisenton to accept this Appeal. Motion was voted unanimously with one abstention.***

Tom Chrisenton was appointed Hearing Officer.

- Docket No. 07-23 WtC – Steve Bragg: WB#2006-01494  
Timely filed.

***A motion was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor Cobb to accept this Appeal. Motion was voted unanimously with one abstention.***

Larry Morse was appointed Hearing Officer.

**5. Other Business - Informational session with Commissioner Thomas Burack and Ted Diers**

Commissioner Burack spoke about the LBA Wetlands Audit and particularly the permitting process. There were 19 recommendations for program improvement. The Department is now going to work in partnership with all who have an interest in the permitting process to make the necessary changes in processes, policies, and procedures. A Wetlands Program Improvement Initiative has been started to look at what could and should a permitting program look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This will help design and build a program for the future. The three audiences are the staff, our informed constituents, and the public. The Wetlands Council is an important partner in this process.

Ted Diers gave a presentation on "Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Permitting Process".

Councilor Lockwood stated the NH Association of Conservation Commissions has its annual meeting on November 3rd and this would be a good opportunity to share this new initiative.

Chairman Morse shared that the Council was open to work with the Department and that the Wetlands Council would sponsor, along with the Department, the public meetings to be held in the future.

Ted noted 2 issues to be discussed in November:

- 1) Consistency - permits, appeals & the decisions that come out of the Council and Department
- 2) Shoreline structures – how to improve this permitting process

The Council recessed at 9:57.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05

**3. Wetlands Bureau Update**

Collis Adams, Administrator, addressed the Vernal Pool meetings that were held around the state. A change to the rules is being suggested to Env 301.01 – Delineation of Wetland Boundaries, item G. Based on feed back, will add the phrase at the beginning "Except for forest management and agricultural activities....". Councilor Chrisenton agreed that was consistent with the testimony heard. Chairman Morse asked that the Commissioner be advised that the Council approves of this comment.

**2. Status of Appeals – Continued**

- Docket No. 07-06 WtC – Patricia Woolson: WB#2006-02796  
On October 2, 2007 it was indicated that a Pre-hearing Conference needed to be scheduled for this appeal.  
No action was needed or taken by the Council.

Paul Goodwin is Hearing Officer.

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Docket No. 04-21 WtC –Lake Shore Realty Trust Appeal

Appeal is scheduled for October 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Docket No. 07-02 WtC – Town of Barrington Appeal

Appeal is scheduled for October 23, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., if Presiding Officer Thomas Sloan is available.

Docket No. 07-09 WtC – Derry Conservation Commission Appeal

Appeal is scheduled for today at 10:00 a.m.

Docket No. 07-10 WtC – Renate Ranniger Appeal

Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for September 24, 2007 has been rescheduled for October 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Docket No. 07-12 WtC – David Potter Appeal

Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for October 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Docket No. 07-14 WtC – Courtney Galluzzo Appeal

Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for October 15, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

Docket No. 07-16 WtC – Springfield Point Nirvana Appeal

Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for October 15, 2007 1:30 p.m.

6. **Old Business** - None

7. **Other Business** - None

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be November 13, 2007 with a hearing.

9. **Adjournment** -

***A motion was made by Councilor Sloan and seconded by Councilor Lockwood to adjourn and was unanimously voted.***

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.