

Town of Montville Inland Wetlands Commission
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Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023

1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Douglas Brush called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairman Douglas Brush, Commissioners Raymond Occhialini, Robert Roshto, Sandra Berardy and Joseph Berardy. **Absent:** Vice-Chairman Charles O’Bday and Jessica LeClair. Also in attendance ZEO/WEO Meredith Badalucca.
3. **Minutes:**
 - a. Approval of the March 16, 2023 Regular Meeting. **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the March 16, 2023 Regular Meeting (**Roshto/Occhialini**) All in favor (5-0-0). **APPROVED.**
4. **Public Hearing/Application:** None.
5. **Show Cause Hearing:** None.
6. **Remarks from the public not relating to items on the agenda:** None.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **23 IWC 5** – 24 Route 82 (060-003-000) and 30 Route 82 (006-003-00A, Oakdale, CT Owner: Jabez Financial, LLC, Applicant: Hull Forest Products, Inc. for As of Right Determination for Timber Harvest. *(Submitted 3/1/23, Date of Receipt 3/16/23, DRD 5/20/23)*

Austin Harmon of Hull Forest Products, Inc. was not present. Discussion to table item 7a until after 8a to give applicant time to arrive. **Motion:** Motion to table item 7a. until after item 8a. (**S. Berardy/Roshto**). All in favor (5-0-0). **APPROVED.**

8. **New Business:**
 - a. **23 IWC 6** – Moxley Road Bridge over Sandy Brook, Road ROW Owner: Town of Montville, Applicant: Town of Montville DPW for regulated activities within the upland review area in conjunction with bridge improvement project. *(Submitted 4/17/23, Date of Receipt 4/20/23, DRD 6/24/23)*. ZEO/WEO Meredith Badalucca read her staff report into record.

Bob Russo from CLA Engineers spoke on behalf of the applicant regarding the plans to remove existing bridge deck and modification of the existing abutments to accommodate the new, wider bridge. He stated that the anticipated project will close the road for local traffic. Erosion and sediment controls will be installed as specified on the project plans. He stated that approximate 2500 square feet of disturbance within the Upland Review Zone. Bob Russo will inspect the stream channel after the bridge is removed to determine if clean-up is necessary. He also stated a de-watering plan has been included per CTDEEP 2002 manual, however should not be necessary. E & S will be maintained until the site is stable and then removed.

Chairman Douglas Brush asked why straw wattles are needed if there is not going to be any disturbance in the stream. Bob Russo said he debated to put them in the plans or not and he could

take them out if needed. **Motion:** Motion to table Application 23 IWC 6 to the May 18, 2023 meeting. **(Roshto/Occhialini)**. All in favor (5-0-0). **APPROVED**

7. Old Business:

- a. 23 IWC 5** – 24 Route 82 (060-003-000) and 30 Route 82 (006-003-00A, Oakdale, CT
Owner: Jabez Financial, LLC, Applicant: Hull Forest Products, Inc. for As of Right
Determination for Timber Harvest. *(Submitted 3/1/23, Date of Receipt 3/16/23, DRD 5/20/23)*
ZEO/WEO Meredith Badalucca stated she had no new comments.

Austin Harmon from Hull Forest Products, Inc., spoke on behalf of the applicant, reviewed the pictures of the property that were presented to the commission. Chairman Douglas Brush asked when the plastic culvert on the property was installed and Austin Harmon stated it was already installed when the property was purchased. He stated that the use of timber bridge mats will be placed over the plastic culvert to accommodate the weight of the machinery. **Motion:** After giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including those in Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulations and Section 22a-40 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move that the Application# **23 IWC 5**, submitted by Austin Harmon of Hull Forest Products on behalf of the property owner, Jabez Financial, Inc. for a Timber Harvest at 24 Route 82 (060-003-000) and 30 Route 82 (060-003-00A), Oakdale, CT, as more fully described in the Notification of Timber Harvest & supporting documents, including a Timber Harvest Map dated February 27, 2023, received March 1, 2023, is a Permitted Use As of Right and, therefore, no permit is required. **(Occhialini/Roshto)**. All in favor. (5-0-0). **APPROVED.**

9. Correspondence: None.

10. Other Business: None.

11. Executive Session: None.

12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. **(Roshto/Occhialini)**.

*Respectfully Submitted By,
Beth Welles
Recording Secretary*