

**Bridgewater Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission**  
**44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, Connecticut 06752**  
**Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 7:30 P.M.**  
**Bridgewater Town Hall**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Frank Sproviero. The meeting was being recorded.

**Roll Call and Designation of Alternates:**

Present: Curtis Read (arrived at 7:53 p.m.), Lori Franklin(alt), Alex McNaughton (alt), B. Kelly, Greg Bollard, Vic Nelson, Frank Sproviero

Absent: Strother Purdy, Denise Fitch

L. Franklin and A. McNaughton were moved up to voting status.

**Minutes of the regular meeting held June 19, 2012.**

The following correction was made to the minutes:

1. Under: Sunny Valley, LLC. 98 Benson Road, dock, the words “repair the dock” were changed to “install a dock.”

G. Bollard made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 19, 2012 as corrected. F. Sproviero seconded. G. Bollard, V. Nelson, F. Sproviero were in favor. B. Kelly, L. Franklin and A. McNaughton abstained as not present at the last meeting.

C. Read submitted his report on his site visit for item #4. Nature Conservancy – Sunny Valley Preserve, Hut Hill Road, restore and repair trails, and asked that item #5. William Stuart, trails, put to the end of the meeting since he and W. Stuart were in another meeting.

**Comments from the Public:** none

**Old Business:**

1. Miscia, 300 Rocky Hill Road, boat house. Tom Seger was present for this application. The plans were not yet ready but will be ready by the next meeting. T. Seger will get the plans to the commission prior to the meeting for review.

2 Kwon/Kang, 209 Henry Sanford Road, driveway repairs. Tom Seger was present for this application. A four foot pipe is being proposed for this project. V. Nelson reported on his site visit. He said that the water flow was very low. He suggested taking everything out and making a plunge pool on the other side of the pipe. G. Bollard questioned how the slope would work out. There is to be a rock base which will go up the slope. V. Nelson feels that the job could be done in two days. V. Nelson made a motion to approve the plan for rebuilding the culvert at 209 Henry Sanford Road, according to plan by Brian Neff dated 4/10/2012. B. Kelly seconded. G. Bollard, V. Nelson, B. Kelly, L. Franklin and F. Sproviero were in favor. A. McNaughton abstained since he was not present for prior discussions on this application.

3. Sunny Valley, LLC. 98 Benson Road, dock. Rob Shaver was present for this application. The applicant wants to install a dock and put in a foot path down to the dock. F. Sproviero and G. Bollard reported on their site visit. They walked the path a month ago and more recently on Friday (7/13/2012). Trees had been flagged for removal. Others had been marked for pruning. The path is 6’ wide and most of the path is not regulated but there are some intermittent water crossings. Two crossing are simple and they can use stone for those but two crossings are more perennial streams. Footings will be constructed on site using rocks instead of concrete. The

proposed bridges are long so they can be higher and out of the way. Crossing #3 has an 8 – 10 % slope and water bars are proposed. In the buffer zone by the lake about a dozen trees will be removed. The applicant will be working with Brian Woods on limbing. The footing for the dock will be dug by hand and bags of concrete will be brought down by cart or by boat. Excess material will be removed by mule or by boat.

C. Read arrived at 7:53. A. McNaughton was moved down.

G. Bollard stated that this was basically a use of right but there was some regulated activity so a permit would be necessary. He asked for cross sections on the headwall for the dock for the file.

G. Bollard made a motion to accept the plan of Sunny Valley LLC., as noted on the map marked 7/16/2012, by Rob Shaver and his application and supplements. Subject to General Provisions. F. Sproviero seconded. F. Sproviero asked about the time frame. The path will be done first. Then the bulk head and finally the rip rap will be done during the draw down in the fall. G. Bollard, V. Nelson, B. Kelly, and F. Sproviero were in favor. L. Franklin and C. Read abstained since they were not present for prior discussions on this application.

4. Nature Conservancy – Sunny Valley Preserve, Hut Hill Road, restore and repair trails. Wayne Woodard presented the application to the commission. C. Read read his report into the record. C. Read went out to the site on July 4, 2012 with William Stuart and then again on July 11, 2012, with Wayne Woodard and S. Purdy. The applicant is proposing to restore a section of the trail that was damaged by storms last fall. A variety of erosion mitigation techniques are proposed including water bars and woodchips and it was suggested that Sean Hayden from the Northwest Conservation District review the proposed measures on site before work begins. C. Read reported that there are three major channels and 4 or 5 minor ones. The flow needs to be slowed down and routed off the trail in some places. He felt a small machine or a tractor could get in and do the repairs quickly. G. Bollard asked if material was being brought in or just fixing existing contours. C. Read felt some wood chips may be necessary. They will be using native soil to fill in the ruts as well. The feeling was that this project is a right of maintenance but there was some regulated activity. C. Read felt the last 200 feet of the trail is in the regulated area. C. Read made a motion to approve the application by the Nature Conservancy to revitalize and repair the trail through the Hut Hill Farm for the section noted in the application at the entry of Wewaka Brook. V. Nelson seconded.

W. Woodard asked that the fee be waived for the application. G. Bollard requested that he make his request in writing and the commission will take it up.

5. William Stuart, trails. This item will be taken up at the end of the meeting since W. Stuart was in another meeting.

**New Business:** none

**Enforcement:**

R. Dirienzo's report was received by the commission. G. Bollard questioned what was meant by using the phrase "agricultural exemption." F. Sproviero will discuss that with him.

1. O'Dell, 436 Main Street South, oil spill. F. Sproviero spoke to Matt Williams and Ken LeClerc from the DEEP. They stated that the stockpile had been removed. Water separators and monitors were put in. No water was flowing right now but they will keep F. Sproviero updated.

**Procedural Matters:**

**Other Business:**

There was a short discussion concerning projects at 98 Benson Road.

4. William Stuart, trails. C. Read and T. Seger discussed with the commission whether or not a wetlands permit was necessary for the maintenance of trails. G. Bollard stated that running a brush hog is maintenance but anything requiring machinery, earth moving or erosion control would require a permit. The commission felt trail maintenance should be on a case by case basis. The commission should be notified and there should be a letter of authority from the property owner. R. Dirienzo can take a look at the proposed activity but any regulated activity needs to go before the commission.

A. McNaughton felt brush hogging and putting chips where they already were doesn't need a permit. Using heavy equipment may need a permit if it is a regulated area.

T. Seger stated that a lot of the maintenance has to do with a tree falling across a path or clearing brush across a path. It was felt that no one would have an issue with that as long as there is not an excavator doing the work or clear cutting.

**Adjourn:** C. Read made a motion to adjourn. V. Nelson seconded. Unanimous approval at 8:45 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Carreira,  
Land Use Coordinator