

**CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT**

Town Hall

174 Main Street

Deep River, Connecticut 06417

*A **regular meeting** of the *Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission* held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Alternate Michael Tomlinson and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: Susan Board, Carmela Balducci, John Szymanski. Also present: Nancy Howard, Dylan Elliott, Gary Elliott, and Robert Doane. Chairman seated Alternate Tomlinson for an absent member.*

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Carol Libby to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2010 and site walk of January 30, 2010 as printed. (5-0) Approved.

Canfield Woods: An application by Dylan Elliott, a member of the Troop 13 Chester/Deep River Boy Scouts, was received at the January meeting for the purpose of construction of a foot bridge over a stream on the yellow trail in Canfield Woods as an Eagle Scout project. A site walk was held on January 30, 2010. Commission members noted that all work will be outside of the watercourse. The scour pattern of the watercourse is small. Dylan Elliott noted that two Locus trees will be cut, milled in Winthrop, and fabricated and fitted at his house. The bridge will be reassembled in the spot it is to be placed on a stone foundation. The proposed bridge will replace the two existing 4 x 4 boards with a 10' x 3' bridge, providing a safer crossing for hikers. The application includes photographs of the existing site and surrounding area and drawing of the proposed bridge. Dylan noted that he expects the work to be completed by the summer. Commission members complimented Dylan on the presentation and documentation of the project. A motion was made by Ron Larsen and seconded by George Atwood to approve the application as presented. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Bettejane Hopkins, 47 Cedar Swamp Road (Map 20, Lot 4): An application by Bettejane Hopkins was received at the January 14, 2010 meeting for the purpose of a proposed single family residence with driveway, well, sanitary system and associated grading on property at 47 Cedar Swamp Road. Robert Doane, on behalf of the applicant, submitted a revised plan dated 2/11/10 reflecting a revision showing the addition of modified rip rap to be placed along the embankment between the edge of the driveway and base of the embankment. Mr. Doane noted that the culvert on the existing driveway, which will be part of the front lot, is stable. The proposed driveway is the only activity within the review area. Mr. Doane noted that the gutters will be discharged to the surface. A curtain drain to remove ground water runs north to south and outlets when it is even with the sanitary system. A footing drain, three feet deep with perforated pipe and crushed stone, will go under the driveway and go past the house and then outlet. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve the application by Bettejane Hopkins subject to the following conditions: (1) The WEO shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (2) Additional erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Old Business:

Richard Cooke, 215 Winthrop Road (Map 27, Lot 5): Robert Doane reported that no activity has taken place on the Cooke property.

Canfield Woods: Additional discussion took place as a follow up from the January meeting regarding contacting a forester. The Commission asked the WEO to check the deed of the property to the Town for the restrictions on the property. Commission members noted they are only considering wood lot management. A forester recommended by the state would be able to walk the site and prepare a report of recommendations.

Application for Permit Form: At the January meeting the Commission voted to direct to the applicants on the Application form to submit one original and three copies of the application materials. An amendment is not being made to the Regulations at this time.

Enforcement: WEO Mark Reyher noted that he has not yet been successful in contacting Shirley Rutan to apologize for the violation letter sent to her in error. A violation letter was sent to Stanley and Barbara Lunn at 39 Village Street (Map 57, Lot 5) regarding the platform constructed on the property. WEO noted that he had spoken with Barbara Lunn and he will be visiting the site. The owner has indicated that the platform is free standing.

WEO Reyher noted that he received a phone call from a gentleman inquiring about the Holdmeyer property. WEO informed the gentleman that the matter was resolved with the Commission and the actions which were taken by the Commission.

Financial Report/Payment of Bills: Discussion took place regarding the proposed budget for 2010/2011. As a result of an inquiry made by Susan Board, a letter dated February 5, 2010 was received from Jane Brawerman, Executive Director of the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District with detailed information on the District and services that are provided to the Town. The most recent services provided to Deep River was in the 2005/2006 fiscal year for assistance with the Holdmeyer property, an Environmental Review Team assessment of the Mislick property, and an on-site review for private residents with natural resource concerns. The District provides site plan review and on-site technical assistance to municipalities and private residents, and by request can provide training directly to the Commission and programs geared to the general public. Various publications are also available. All but two towns of the 26 towns in the watershed are members. A motion was made by Alan Mizejeski and seconded by Ron Larsen to submit the proposed budget with no changes and to include a note that the Commission is considering eliminating the annual cost to the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District and seeking guidance from the Board of Selectman on this matter. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

The following bill was received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 12 ½ hours. A motion was made by Alan Mizejeski and seconded by Michael Tomlinson to approve payment of the bill as submitted. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Correspondence: A Notice of Tentative Determination was received from DEP regarding replacement of a bulkhead on property of Jessica Waldman, Trustee at 38 Brockway Ferry Road.

Conservation: George Atwood noted that Gary Elliott has expressed interest in being the steward for Canfield Woods on behalf of the Commission.

Other Business: WEO Reyher noted that he inspects the Scholes property at 73 Rattling Valley Road once a month. The hay bales are being maintained, otherwise the site is not much different.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Ron Larsen to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. (5-0)  
Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Howard  
Recording Secretary