

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, May 13, 2010 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Alan Mizejeski, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: George Atwood, Carmela Balducci, Carol Libby, John Szymanski, and Alternate Michael Tomlinson. Also present: Nancy Howard, William O'Hearn, Peter and William Brown. Chairman seated Alternate Reyher for absent member Szymanski.*

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Mark Reyher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2010 as printed. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

William O'Hearn/Winthrop Cemetery, Winthrop Road: An application by William O'Hearn was received at the March meeting for the purpose of construction of a foot bridge over wetlands at the Winthrop Cemetery and removal of invasive plants. Mr. O'Hearn submitted plans for the pedestrian bridge which were prepared by Dan Morrisey from Morrisey Engineer and a habitat restoration plan prepared by Heather Greenaway. The new plant material will consist of five red twig dogwood and one arrowwood in the area of the existing maple and pear trees, downstream of the bridge. The proposed bridge will be 12' x 4' with a 42 inch rail and made with pressure treated lumber. The sides of the bridge will be covered with a durable chicken wire mesh. Mr. O'Hearn noted that he will borrow an auger from the Town. The water is currently flowing on the site. No sedimentation and erosion control measures are shown on the plan. The stream is approx. 6-8 feet wide. The activity will be outside of the watercourse. Members noted that there should be no runoff into the water when the holes are dug. Members recommended covering the graded site with hay after the seeding has been done. Mr. O'Hearn noted that the work may be done in June. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve the application by William O'Hearn subject to the following conditions: (1) seeding and haying should take place immediately upon final grading; (2) the applicant shall make every effort that activity stays out of the watercourse; (3) mulch should be used in the planting area; and (4) The WEO shall be notified prior to the start of work. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement: WEO Mark Reyher reported on the following matters:

(a) Haynes Aggregates/Town Swimming Pond: Haynes has installed silt fencing and raised the berm level to stop the sediment which was turning the water gray. The situation may have been caused by beavers. Detailed discussion took place about the need for continued protection downstream. The water flow at the site is currently running clear. Correspondence will be sent to Haynes about possibly scheduling a site visit to discuss the erosion and sedimentation control measures and determining the source of the sedimentation.

(b) Richard Cooke, 215 Winthrop Road/Permit #4-09: The bond, as stipulated in the permit, has not been filed. The work started on a Sunday with no sedimentation and erosion control measures in place. WEO noted that the silt fence has now been installed, but no hay bales. No work is currently

taking place on the site and shall not start until the bond has been placed. The WEO spoke with the person performing the activity, who did not have a copy of the approved plans. WEO has also contacted the engineer, Robert Doane.

(c) Lawrence and Claire Webb, 11 Everett Lane (Map 13, Lot 7-16): WEO noted that he received a complaint from a neighbor regarding filling of wetlands at 11 Everett Lane. WEO noted that the activity is visible from the street and appears that the area was filled in order to create a parking area. A violation letter was sent to the property owner. Mr. Webb left a message for the WEO that he was unable to attend the meeting. The WEO will contact Mr. Webb.

(d) WEO noted that he visited a property with a proposed addition and property with a proposed garage to determine that there is no activity in the wetlands or review area.

Payment of Bills: The following bills were received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 9 hours; \$5.98 postage. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Mark Reyher to approve payment of the bills as submitted. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Conservation: Discussion took place about consideration of a conservation plan for Canfield Woods. Members also discussed the possibility of separating the duties of the Commission into two boards, creating a separate Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission. Further discussion will take place at the next regular meeting when additional commission members will be present.

A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Ron Larsen to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary