

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, June 14, 2012 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Chairman Miezjeski. Members present: George Atwood, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Miezjeski, Michael Tomlinson, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher, and Alternate Tanner Steeves. Absent: Susan Board. Also present: Nancy Howard, Ray Galeotti, Bob Silvia, Donald and Jennifer Shea, Donald Carlson, Richard and Patricia Pytlik, and Todd Andrews.*

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Michael Tomlinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2012 and site walk of May 15, 2012 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. Ron Larsen noted that he visited both of the sites by himself.

Public Business:

Donald Shea, 126 Book Hill Road: An application by Donald J. Shea was received at the May meeting for the purpose of filling in a portion of the front yard and installing a stone wall at 126 Book Hill Road. A site walk was held on May 15, 2012. Mr. Shea noted that he proposes to add another 135 tons of fill in addition to what is there. The wall is 90 feet long and goes eight to ten feet back. The area of wetlands being filled is approximately 1,500 sq. ft. Mr. Shea stated that the purpose of the activity is to make a usable yard and removing the still water. The Chairman noted that after the rainstorm, the water runs directly into the south end of the wall as it is constructed. The First Selectman had indicated at the last meeting that the Town was going to do drainage work on Book Hill Road which will resolve the collection of water on the Shea property. Commission members discussed the possibility of changing the shape of the wall or rounding the corner on the south end of the property noting concern that if the water continues to hit the wall directly it may tear through the wall. Once the work is completed, the water will flow in front of the wall. Mr. Shea stated that the water is backing up again since they stopped doing the work. Mr. Shea agreed to add six inches of trap rock on the street side of the wall to add a curve to the southern end of the wall to allow the water to flow along the road. As the actual amount of the fill in wetlands is approximately 1,530 sq. ft., the additional application fee was determined to be \$40.00 and was paid by the applicant. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Michael Tomlinson to approve the application with the following stipulations: (1) the entry corner of the water will be softened with rip rap and fill to maintain the integrity of the wall; (2) maintain the silt fencing; (3) Additional erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Raymond Galeotti, 16 Grove Street: An application by Raymond Galeotti was received at the May meeting for the purpose of an 8,000 sq. ft. building addition for light industrial use at 16 Grove Street. A site walk was held on May 15, 2012. Filling of wetlands is proposed near the end of the addition and the parking area. Commission members discussed the water runoff and drainage. The runoff calculations were presented at the last meeting. Mr. Galeotti noted that pervious pavers will be used for the parking area at the end of Grove Street. Members expressed the importance of

maintaining the same elevation and grade so that the water continues in the same direction as exists now and does not cause increased runoff off the site to adjacent properties. Mr. Galeotti noted that he will be overseeing the project. Mr. Galeotti noted that he does not expect a lot of traffic in the additional parking area. Mr. Galeotti stated that there would be 18 inches of fill; and that if the ground gets saturated, Mr. Snarski had said to let it flow off. Members noted that the applicant has addressed the parking area with pervious pavers. The construction sequence is included on the plan and identifies the stock pile area on the site with excess material being removed. WEO Reyher noted that the property is identified on the Natural Diversity Data Base as an area of potential conflict with State and Federal listed species and significant natural communities. Mr. Galeotti noted that there are no endangered species on the property. The site development notes on page 2 of the plans indicate that there are no endangered species or species of special concern. After discussion, a motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Carol Libby to approve the application by Raymond Galeotti as presented subject to the following conditions: (1) The Wetlands Enforcement Officer 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. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement:

(a) Richard Pytlik, Bokum Road: WEO Reyher noted that it came to his attention that work was being done on the roadway on the Pytlik property between Bokum Road and Union Street. The 40 acre parcel has a driveway access from Union Street. An intermittent watercourse runs parallel on each side of the driveway. WEO noted that he asked Mr. Pytlik to install sedimentation and erosion control measures and to submit an application for the activity. No further activity has taken place and the silt fencing has been installed. Don Carlson noted that Mr. Pytlik is working on the old cart path by adding fill on top to make it more stable. A civil engineer has been contacted to prepare a plan. Mr. Carlson noted that there is a pipe for the intermittent watercourse. The water surfaces on the Andrews property on Union Street and to the street. The primary access to the parcel is from Bokum Road and Mr. Pytlik would like to access the property from Union Street also. Todd Andrews, the down hill neighbor, noted that he is interested in knowing the activity taking place; and noted that at this point he does not have a problem with water on his property. Mr. Carlson noted that a few years ago Richard Snarski identified it as an intermittent watercourse. The water goes from the power lines into the ledges and underground. The engineer will be generating a plan for submission of an application.

(b) Incarnation Center, Bushy Hill Road: WEO Reyher reported that the deck and stone is in place. Landscaping is now being installed, with pachysandra being planted on the hill.

(c) Richard Cooke, 215 Winthrop Road: WEO Reyher noted that work is still taking place on the Cooke property. They have started taking the material off of the north side. The Commission reviewed the approved plan and expressed concern about the depth of the activity. The activity taking place is about 10 feet down in the center and there is a straight wall on the driveway side. The activity does not appear to be taking place in accordance with the approved plan. A letter will be sent to the property owner with a copy to the contractor and the engineer asking them to attend the next meeting to discuss the activity taking place.

(d) It was noted that the water level at Keyboard Pond is really low since the bridge project started on Village Street.

(e) Raymond Galeotti, 16 Grove Street: A letter will be sent to Mr. Galeotti asking for a copy of the report on the Natural Diversity Data Base review as referenced in the site development notes.

(f) Frederick and Susan Reyher, 160 Rattling Valley Road: WEO Reyher noted that work will be starting soon on the project on his parent's property. Mike Tomlinson will oversee the project on behalf of the Commission.

Correspondence: An invitation was received for Ryan Quick's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on June 15th at the Ambulance Barn. The Commission will send a letter to Ryan thanking him for his hard work and improvements to Canfield Woods.

Report on Finances/Payment of Bills: The following bills were received: Nancy Howard, clerical services, 16 hours; Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$39.60; and CACIWC, annual membership, \$60.00. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by George Atwood to approve payment of the bills as submitted. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Other Business:

Chairman Mizejeski referenced articles in The Habitat regarding open space grants and the Old Saybrook Conservation Commission

George Atwood noted that he will be installing the kiosk at the entrance to Canfield Woods on June 19th. Commission members will assist with the installation.

A motion was made by Michael Tomlinson and seconded by Ron Larsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Howard

Recording Secretary