

## 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, November 14, 2013 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Michael Tomlinson, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher and Alternate Tanner Steeves. Absent: Ron Larsen. Also present: Nancy Howard, Donald Carlson.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Michael Tomlinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2013 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

444 Main Street: Donald Carlson was present on behalf of Jerilyn Nucci who is proposing a 20 ft. x 30 ft. exercise area for a dog daycare on property of George G. Bartlett at 444 Main Street. A chain link fence will be put in around the proposed exercise area in the rear left corner of the parking lot in the back of the property. There will be a walkway with pea stone from the building to the fenced area. Mr. Carlson noted that there is a ditch along the south side which was flagged as wetlands a few years ago. The fence will be four feet high with slat screening and the surface of the fenced in area will be pea stone. Mr. Carlson noted that the dogs will be in the building most of the time. The manure will be placed in a dumpster and removed by a service. WEO Reyher has checked the area of the proposed fence. Commission members discussed the proposal and whether a permit is necessary. Concern was only raised if there is excavation and creating of a spoils pile. Mr. Carlson indicated that the stone will be placed on the existing surface which would avoid excavation. A motion was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by Carol Libby that after review of the application submitted it is the opinion of the Commission that the proposed activity does not require a permit because there is no expectation of excavation. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. If any excavation is proposed, the WEO must be notified.

New Business: Tanner Steeves distributed copies of the DEEP Natural Diversity Data Base map for Deep River which was updated in June 2013.

A letter dated October 16, 2013 was received from the Commissioner of Department of Energy & Environmental Protection announcing that they are accepting applications from municipalities, non-profit land conservation organizations, and water companies for the competitive Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. Grants may be awarded to projects that offer the highest conservation and recreational value. The deadline for submitting applications to DEEP is January 31, 2014. Commission members discussed the possibilities of applying for a grant.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher reported on the preliminary identification forms that have been reviewed in the past month. Some activities included construction of a barn, houses, and detached garage.

Chairman: Chairman Mizejeski noted that he was contacted by Dennis and Kathy Schultz regarding removal of a couple trees and placement of a Carefree shed on crushed stone within the 100 foot regulated area. The Schultz' will be notified to contact the WEO regarding the proposed activity.

Report of Finances/Payment of Bills: Finance report was not available and no bills were presented.

Correspondence: Miscellaneous correspondence was passed around for review.

Conservation: Tanner Steeves noted that Chester and the State came to an agreement on Cedar Swamp to create a structure near the mud bog in order to keep the road open and allow access through.

The Habitat newsletter referenced plastic netting used on slopes for erosion and sedimentation control measures. The netting is killing snakes and birds. Commission members would discourage use of the netting.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Sue Board to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (6-0)  
Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy J. Howard*

Recording Secretary