

# 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, December 12, 2013 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Alan Mizejeski, Michael Tomlinson, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher and Alternate Tanner Steeves. Absent: Ron Larsen and Carol Libby Also present: Dennis Schultz.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Sue Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2013 as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Dennis Schultz, 20 Cedar Swamp Road: An application was received from Dennis Schultz for the purpose of installing a Kloter Farms prebuilt 14' x 28' New England Cape Garage at 20 Cedar Swamp Road. The building will be set on 3/4 inch crushed stone base and will need to be built up one end. The location is 70 feet from the pond. The garage base area will be dug out to remove the top surface material for the placement of 6 inches of crushed stone. Three trees have already been removed. The building will be brought in on a truck using an existing road around the back of the pond. A picture presented shows the pond almost dried up. Commission members agreed that there were no issues with the proposal, A permit would be required if there was a foundation. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Mike Tomlinson that the proposal is a non regulated activity and no permit is required. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

#### New Business:

Election of Officers: A motion was made by George Atwood to remain status quo. Mike Tomlinson noted that he would like to step down as Vice Chairman. Mike Tomlinson nominated Tanner Steeves as Vice Chairman with the remainder of the positions as status quo; seconded by George Atwood. George Atwood offered to step down to an alternate position if Tanner would like to become a regular member. Chairman Mizejeski reviewed the Bylaws for the Election of Officers. The term begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Action on nomination: Voted Unanimously.

2014 Meeting Schedule: The regular meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Sue Board and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to approve the meeting schedule. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

The Wetlands Application will be made available on the Town website.

Enforcement: WEO Reyher reported on the preliminary identification forms that have been reviewed in the past month. In addition to the Schultz application there was a porch addition at 29 Rosemont Drive.

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

Report by Chairperson: The Conservation responsibilities were discussed. Chairman reviewed the Bylaws for Committees and discussed creating a Conservation Committee with George Atwood and Tanner Steeves as Co-Chairs. The Committee will be asked to come up with one year and five year plans and create a list of conservation properties to consider acquiring. The Conservation Committee may meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular monthly meetings. Any decisions of the Committee would be presented at the regular CIWC meeting. George Atwood proposed specifying days when a group of people go to work in Canfield Woods. Discussion took place about removing downed trees in Canfield Woods. The First Selectman will be notified that the Commission will be removing some of the downed trees. Additional thoughts were to lobby for a budget line item for a guided walk with naturalist; also to pursue grant money for tree planting or preparation of inventory of trees. Informational signage may be placed on trees in parks. Eagle Scouts may coordinate projects with the Deep River Land Trust. Tanner Steeves noted that there is an organizational re-alignment in the Environmental Review Team (ERT). A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to have Eli Dube remove downed trees in Canfield Woods. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Correspondence: A Christmas card was received from Nathan Jacobson & Associates. A letter dated 11/18/2013 was received from Travis Board on behalf of Kelsey Falls Association regarding work to begin in and around the dam. The work will be to replace missing stone in the scour hole beneath the dam. The work consists of removing a few trees and using heavy equipment to push large stone in place below the dam. The work is controlled by DEEP.

A motion was made by Sue Board and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy J. Howard*

Recording Secretary

(prepared from recording)