

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, January 8, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:36 p.m. Members present: Susan Board, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Michael Tomlinson and Alternate Tanner Steeves. Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: George Atwood. Also present: Nancy Howard, Roger Nemergut.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2014 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

163 Cedar Swamp Road: An application by Bryan Phillips was received at the December 11, 2014 meeting for a driveway crossing on property of Russell Calamari at 163 Cedar Swamp Road. Roger Nemergut submitted revised plans dated January 8, 2015. Mr. Nemergut noted that the changes to the plan are the addition of two temporary spoil stock piles on the north and one on the south. The other change is the addition of roof leaders. Dash lines on the plan identify the discharge points for the roof leaders. The roof leaders on the west side of the garage are connected with an underground line and discharge to the northwest. The house roof leaders are discharged to the east side. Mr. Nemergut noted that the applicant is Bryan Phillips, the son of the new property owner, Margaret Phillips. Ms. Phillips purchased the property from Russell Calamari at the end of the year. Mr. Nemergut noted that they will submit a letter requesting a change so that the permit is issued to Margaret Phillips as the new property owner. The proposal for the wetlands crossing is a 24 inch pipe. Commission members discussed installing three or four smaller pipes in order to spread out the flow and decrease the fill. Three 15" pipes may be sufficient. Another alternative discussed by Commission members is one larger diameter pipe buried deeper which would have less impact by decreasing the fill and rip rap. A buried pipe with stream bed material in the pipe would allow a natural flow for the crossing. Commission members agreed that the larger buried pipe would be preferable. The size will need to be determined for the flow. Roger Nemergut noted that he believes the alternative would be acceptable. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to approve the application with revised plan for 163 Cedar Swamp Road as presented with the following stipulations: (1) the pipe shall be sized so that it is buried and meets design criteria for a one year flood; (2) receipt of letter updating the new property owner and applicant as Margaret N. Phillips; (3) the Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; (4) Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement: WEO Mark Reyher reported that a detention pond at Chester Airport was clogged and has been dredged. He noted that he contacted GEI Consultants of Glastonbury who is working on the site. GEI advised that the dredged material which is sitting on the site consists of petro hydrocarbons, ddt's, and chemicals. Rain is causing the material to leach into the ground water and towards Deep River. Chester had issued a permit for the dredging of the pond several years ago. Mr. Reyher noted that he attempted to contact the Chester WEO, but she has been on vacation. The contaminated material has remained on the site. The detention pond collects drainage from the airport and parking lots. The water

flows from Chester to Deep River in the Cedar Swamp Road direction. Deep River was not notified of the application for dredging of the pond in accordance with State Statute. The Commission, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, will send a letter to the DEEP and the Town of Chester requesting copies of any correspondence or permits associated with the environmental issue at the Chester Airport.

WEO Reyher noted that Preliminary Wetlands Identification Forms were reviewed for construction of a shed on Oak Ridge and 1 ½ car garage on Bushy Hill. No activities were proposed within a regulated area.

Payment of Bills: A invoice was received from the Hartford Courant, legal advertising, \$26.53. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Ron Larsen to approve payment of the invoice as received. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Conservation: Chairman Mizejeski noted that John Kennedy, Chairman of the Deep River Land Trust has asked to speak with him regarding Canfield Woods.

Other Business: Ron Larsen noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission is working on revisions to the Plan of Conservation and Development and is looking for the Agricultural Commission, of which he is a member, for assistance regarding the Public Act 490. The Planning and Zoning Commission has indicated that they would like the CIWC to be involved. A meeting will be held on March 4, 2015 in the Deep River Town Hall Auditorium from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a presentation by Joan Nichols of the Connecticut Farm Bureau.

A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Susan Board to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary