

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, March 12, 2015 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Members present: John Dube, Carol Libby, Alternate Tanner Steeves, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: George Atwood Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Alan Mizejeski, Michael Tomlinson. Also present: Nancy Howard. Alternates were seated for absent members. Tanner Reeves was Acting Chairman for the meeting.*

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2015 as printed. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Enforcement: Chester Airport: In January, the Commission sent FOI requests to the Chester Inland Wetlands Commission and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for copies of any correspondence or permits associated with the environmental issue at the Chester Airport. The work has now been completed. John Dube noted that he spoke with Nick Olson who did the work on the site. GEI Consultants was overseeing the project and mandated the activities. The material had been uncovered during the day and covered over at night until it was removed from the site. A letter dated January 21, 2015 was received from Barry Giroux, P.E., LEP, Senior Project Manager from GEI Consultants. The site is being investigated and remediated under the CT DEEP Property Transfer Program. GEI indicated that no substances were detected in soil at concentrations above cleanup standards and no substances were detected in any of the groundwater samples requiring further action. GEI is currently preparing a final Verification report for submission to DEEP. A letter dated February 5, 2015 was received from Anna Sweeney, Inland Wetlands Compliance Officer in Chester with copies of the Chester Inland Wetland Permit and Commission minutes regarding Whelen Aviation. A letter dated January 30, 2015 was received from the Office of Legal Counsel of DEEP indicating that the Department would search its files to locate the requested records. The CIWC had put a hold on the research by DEEP until further discussion by the Commission. A letter will be sent to the Chester Inland Wetlands Compliance Officer thanking her for the information received and to notify this Commission in the future of activity on any parcels within 500 ft. of the town line in accordance with the State Statutes. The Commission will contact GEI asking that a copy of the Verification Report to be submitted to DEEP be forwarded to this Commission. DEEP will also be asked to continue to hold on the request until the additional information is received from GEI.

Budget/Payment of Bills: Carol Libby reviewed the current status of the budget. Commission members discussed the possibility of inquiring about rolling the remaining CIWC budget into a conservation fund for purchasing open space or for use dedicated to conservation and inland wetland purposes such as scholarships, signs, trails, trail markers, parking area improvements, or purchase of open space. The same budget request for the next fiscal year will be submitted. An invoice was received from Nancy Howard, clerical services, 43 hours. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by John Dube to approve payment of the invoice as submitted. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

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Conservation: Trees that had been marked for removal at the entrance to Canfield Woods have not been taken down at this point.

Other Business: The agricultural meeting on Public Act 490 had been postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled in the future.

A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Carol Libby to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary