

# 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, October 13, 2016 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:53 p.m. by Vice Chairman Steeves. Members present: Susan Board, John Dube, Tanner Steeves, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher and Alternate Michael Tomlinson. Absent: George Atwood, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski. Also present: Nancy Howard, Ted Batko, Joseph Prue. Vice Chair Tanner Steeves was Acting Chairman for the meeting. The Acting Chair seated Alternates Mark Reyher and Michael Tomlinson for absent members.*

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Susan Board to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. There was no quorum for the July meeting and the August and September meetings were cancelled.

Joseph Prue, 55 Acorn Road: An application was received from Joseph Prue for construction of a 26 ft. x52 ft. detached garage on property on 55 Acorn Road (Map 22, Lot 26). Mr. Prue presented a revised map showing the location of the proposed garage. WEO Reyher recommended that a site walk be held. An intermittent watercourse is located on one of the proposed garage and wetlands are located in the back. Commission members noted that the property is located at the edge of the DEEP Natural Diversity Data Base and needs to be sent to DEEP for review. Mr. Prue noted that the roof will be gambrel style. Erosion and sedimentation control measures have not been presented on the proposal. The proposal also needs to include what is proposed with the spoils; if the pile will be stored on site with sufficient sedimentation and erosion control measures, protected on the site or removed as it is being dug. A site walk was scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to accept the application. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. The application will be included on the agenda of the next regular meeting for possible action.

Ted Batko, of 34 Plains Road, was present to discuss the status of the closure of the sand and gravel operation at Blakeslee Arpaia Chapman (BAC) which closed in 1995. Mr. Batko is co-owner of five properties in the immediate area, including the first property down stream of the quarry. Mr. Batko distributed copies of the DEP correspondence regarding the BAC closure plan. Kevin from Larimar Farms and Angus McDonald were not able to attend. Mr. Batko presented a Google map showing the approximate 40 acre pond in the woods and the direction of the Deep River to the town. The property ownership changed in January 2016. There is a spillway allowing water into the pond; downstream there would be a weir designed for inflow and outflow from the pond. The pond will act to attenuate the peak flows in the Deep River. Mr. Batko noted that he has overseen stewardship of the site for the past 21 years by maintaining the spillways by cleaning them out and clearing a beaver dam. At this point, maintenance needs to be continued by the new owner of the property. The outlet needs to be watched for beaver dams. Mr. Batko noted that he has been unable to meet with Kevin to give him any information. WEO Reyher will meet with Jill Curtis and Kevin and provide a copy of the materials. Mr. Batko also noted concern regarding the culvert on Plains Road. He noted that he went to a Board of Selectmen meeting in 2012 regarding the low flow line. [Susan Board left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.] The culvert is failing. WEO Reyher will speak with the First Selectman regarding the culvert. Underwash would collapse the culvert. The Town may seek assistance from the state with the inspection.

Enforcement Report: WEO Reyher reported on the activities that he has reviewed in the past few months, including the following reports reviewed and determination that no activities were within a wetland or regulated area: deck on Everett Lane; detached garage and lean to at 272 Westbrook Road; shed at 29 Rosewood; addition with porch at 186 Cedar Swamp Road; shed on Harvey Lane. WEO Reyher also noted that he received several complaints regarding activity on Scott Papoosha's property on 199 Stevenstown Road. He visited the property and the activity taking place is stump grinding for composting and mulching. DEEP was at the property the day before his inspection. No permit is needed. Filter fencing is in place and leaching is taking place.

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Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Mike Tomlinson and seconded by John Dube to approve payment to CACIWC for the annual fee of \$60.00. Voted Unanimously.

Conservation: Mark Reyer presented a copy of a Position Statement from CACIWC concerning combined versus separate Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions. A copy will be provided for all members.

The environmental reviews have been reorganized and the review of Canfield Woods may have been started.

A motion was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. (4-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Howard

Recording Secretary