

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 10, 2016 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman Mizejeski. Members present: John Dube, Carol Libby, Alan Mizejeski, Tanner Steeves, and Alternate Michael Tomlinson. Absent: George Atwood, Susan Board, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Also present: Nancy Howard, Joseph Prue. Chairman Mizejeski seated Alternate Michael Tomlinson for an absent member.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Tanner Steeves to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. *[see amendment below]* A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Tanner Steeves to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016 site walk as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Joseph Prue, 55 Acorn Road: An application by Joseph Prue for construction of a 26 ft. x 50 ft. detached garage on property on 55 Acorn Road (Map 22, Lot 26) was accepted at the October meeting. A site walk was held on October 17, 2016. Mr. Prue noted that the excavation material will remain on the site. The proposed location of the excavated material and the sedimentation and erosion control measures need to be included on the plan. The proposed garage is located 15 feet to the center of the watercourse. Large boulders are located at the top of the steep embankment and some may need to be removed for the construction. Mr. Prue noted that he will not be removing any trees. Commission members noted that tree removal would cause disturbance. The edge of the building comes to the top of the bank. A splash pad would be located at the top of the bank. Commission members inquired if an alternate location or size of the garage was considered. Mr. Prue noted that there is no alternate location. The proposed garage will not be connected to the house; there will be a five foot walkway between the garage and the house. Mr. Prue noted that if it would be a condition, he would agree to reduce the width by two feet. Mr. Prue reported that the use for the garage is for general storage for vehicles and tractors. He noted that he does not keep anything from his power washing business at his home. The low area consists of some wetland vegetation and scour. Mr. Prue stated that he has never seen water in it. The back corner of the property gets wet. Mr. Prue noted that the Connecticut River Area Health District had indicated the site was native and not filled. The alternative septic system location is the back corner on the right side of the house. The proposed building will be a frost protected slab building. Discussion took place about reducing the size of the building on the eastern side to increase the distance from the watercourse. Mr. Prue agreed to decrease the width by 2 feet, bringing the size of the building to 24 ft. by 50 ft. The Commission also discussed adding a gutter on the eastern side of the building. Mr. Prue drew the silt fence location on the plan and an arrow showing the direction of the down spout. Members noted that the minutes from the October meeting listed the incorrect size of the building. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Tanner Steeves to correct the previous motion and revise the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting to correct the size of the proposed garage on the application by Joseph Prue to be 26' x 50'. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. The western edge would remain in place as proposed and on the eastern long edge there will be gutter with down spout to exit water to the south. A motion was made by Tanner Steeves and seconded by Carol Libby to approve the application by Joseph Prue, 55 Acorn Road, with the following stipulations: (1) reduce the size of the proposed garage to 24' x 50' to make it slightly more narrow. The western edge will remain in place as proposed and the eastern side will move in two feet further from the watercourse; (2) on the eastern long edge of the garage, a gutter will be installed with a down spout to drain to the rear of the structure; (3) The Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (4) Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. Mr. Prue also agreed to remove the cut branches from the watercourse.

Enforcement: Mike Tomlinson noted that he walked with Mark Reyher and Ted Batko on the Batko property to see the spillway on the former Blakeslee property which Mr. Batko discussed at the last meeting. When the

water rises in the brook, the flow would go backwards. Mark Reyher will meet with Jill Curtis and Kevin Wakely to instill the importance of the maintenance of the area and prevention of a beaver dam so that the water continues to flow and does not get backed up. The maintenance is important to the downstream properties.

Election of Officers will take place at the December meeting.

Correspondence: The CACIWC Habitat newsletter was received. Letter was received from Connecticut River Watershed Council seeking funding.

Other Business: Alan Miezjeski noted that he spoke with the First Selectman, who is in favor of separating the Commission. A separate budget would be required for separate commissions.

Canfield Woods: John Dube noted that a metal roof is needed on the kiosk which George Atwood installed at the entrance to Canfield Woods. John Dube inquired if permission to remove dead wood and removal of safety hazards on the trails out of Canfield Woods still stands. A motion was made by Tanner Steeves and seconded by Carol Libby to indicate that John Dube is permitted to remove dead wood and hazardous trees from Canfield Woods. (4-0-1) Approved (Dube recused)

A motion was made by Tanner Steeves and seconded by Carol Libby to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary