

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, May 11, 2017 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Members present: John Dube, Carol Libby, Tanner Steeves, Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher, and Alternate Michael Tomlinson. Absent: George Atwood, Susan Board, Ron Larsen, Alan Mizejeski. Also present: Nancy Howard (recording secretary), John Wichtowski, Kevin and Amy Costello. Chairman Steeves seated Alternates Reyher and Tomlinson for absent members.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Mark Reyher to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. A motion was made by Mark Reyher and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to approve the minutes of the site walk of April 23, 2017 as printed. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Sarette Builders, 75 Rosemont Drive: An application by Sarette Builders was received at the April meeting for the purpose of construction of a garage and mudroom addition to existing home on property of John and Laurie Wichtowski at 75 Rosemont Drive. John Wichtowski was present on behalf of the application. WEO Mark Reyher noted that he has visited the site. Silt fencing is required to be placed around the stock piled material. A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to approve the application with the following conditions: by Carol Libby to approve the application subject to the following stipulations: (1) The Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall be notified prior to the start of work; and (2) Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be placed, if necessary, in accordance with direction by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Kevin and Amy Costello, 372 Main Street: An application was received from Kevin and Amy Costello for the purpose of erecting a 15' x 30' above ground pool between the existing deck on the south side of the house and shed. Kevin and Amy Costello were present. The proposal includes installing a new retaining wall on the south and west side and back filling the area to increase the grade to bring the height up from the new retaining wall to the existing farmers wall. The fill will be approximately 20 to 24 inches. The total area to be filled is 25' x 40'. The filling activity, at the closest point, is 25 feet to the top of the ditch to the brook. The furthest corner is 55 ft. Mr. Costello noted that the water sometimes dries up in the summer. The top elevation of the retaining wall will be approximately 20 to 25 inches. The existing wall will remain in place. Mr. Costello noted that most of the work will be accessed from the front of the property with a small backhoe. The red barn was existing when they purchased the property. Members noted that the woodshed that was constructed is also within the 100 ft. setback and it should have been presented to the Commission prior to construction. A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Carol Libby to accept the application for action at the next regular meeting. (5-0) Voted Unanimously. A site walk was scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

BMC Land Development, Hoopole Hill Road: WEO Mark Reyher noted that a letter dated May 8, 2017 was received from Fran Pellegrino of BMC Land Development withdrawing the application. Mr. Reyher noted that a new proposal will be submitted in the future. A petition was received with 25 signatures requesting a public hearing be held, if the application had not been withdrawn. The Commission had held a site walk on April 23rd and it was noted that there were wetlands not shown on

the plans. Additional regulated area would have changed the calculations. A new wetlands crossing from the field to the back lot was also observed which was done by the previous owner. Members also observed that a lot of trees were cleared with a bulldozer in the regulated area; the non-regulated activity has occurred on the site prior to an approved application. Mark Reyher noted that he walked the site with a third party reviewer who also noted that there were several calculations that were not provided.

Old Business:

Hugh Albright, 463 Winthrop Road: The filter fence has not been installed as instructed. An anonymous complaint was filed with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management & Compliance Assurance on May 8, 2017. The complaint, No. 17-048, was referred by DEEP to the Deep River Building Department for review and possible investigation.

Scott Papoosha, Stevenstown Road: Chairman Steeves noted that there are no DEEP Clean Wood Processing permits issued for this location. The property is classified as forest. The Chairman will contact DEEP to request an inspection of the property. It has been reported that wood material is coming from out of state for processing and there are a lot of plastic bags on the site. The Commission will send a letter to the Wetlands Commission in Westbrook if they are aware of commercial activity taking place on the property. The driveway access to the property is in Westbrook.

Enforcement: WEO Mark Reyher noted that a letter dated 4/28/17 was received from Rod Burgess of Scotland Hardwoods (A Rossi Company), Forestry Services Division, regarding application for as of right selective timber harvest submitted to the Town of Chester on property of Philip Moores located at 88 Winthrop Road, Chester, located within 500 feet of the town line.

A complaint was received from Bob Yedrysek regarding continuous water runoff from 107 Warsaw Street with drainage pipe approx. 5 ft from the road. The matter was referred to the Code Office Richard Leighton, who responded with a letter dated May 2, 2017.

Payment of Bills: None received.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was received: (a) Letter dated 12/21/16 from Eversource regarding scheduled maintenance activities by Eversource Energy on selected electric right of way in Town in 2017; (b) letter from Connecticut Pond Services regarding permit to apply aquatic pesticides to Star Lake, Map 12, Lot 7A Winthrop Road. The question if there are wells within 50 ft is not marked. As was determined in the past, there are dug wells within 50 ft. of Star Lake. The Chairman will call regarding the error in the application.

Conservation: Discussion has taken place with the First Selectman regarding splitting the Commission.

A motion was made by Carol Libby and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. (5-0)
Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary