

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 12, 2017 at the Deep River Town Hall was called to order at 7:39 p.m. Members present: George Atwood, Susan Board, John Dube, Ron Larsen, Tanner Steeves, Alternate Michael Tomlinson, and Alternate/WEO Mark Reyher. Absent: Carol Libby and Alan Mizejeski. Also present: Nancy Howard (recording secretary), Brogan May, Mike Harkin, Attorney Tom Crosby (on behalf of BMC Land Development), Mike Milano, David Ledger, and Tom Knox. Chairman Steeves seated Alternate Tomlinson for an absent member.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by George Atwood to approve minutes of regular meeting of September 14, 2017 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by John Dube to approve the minutes of the site walk of October 1, 2017 as printed. (6-0) Voted Unanimously.

BMC Land Development, LLC, 67 Hoopole Hill Road: An application was received at the September meeting from BMC Land Development, LLC for a 12 lot subdivision of land at 67 Hoopole Hill Road. WEO Mark Reyher reported that at the last meeting a third party review was requested. The review was done by Richard Snarski but his report is not yet available. WEO Reyher noted that Mr. Snarski verbally advised him that activity on Lots 4 and 5 are a significant activity (initially incorrectly reported as Lots 13 and 4). Chairman Steeves noted that a petition was received in a timely manner from 25 residents requesting to hold a public hearing. Attorney Thomas Crosby referenced case entitled Urban vs. Inland Wetlands pertaining the petitions filed in 14 days and disputed the scheduling of the public hearing. Attorney Crosby submitted a copy of the case for the record. The Town Clerk verified that the signatories were residents. Chairman noted that the Commission is mandated to hold a public hearing within 65 days. A motion was made by Susan Board and seconded by John Dube to schedule a public hearing on Application by BMC Land Development, LLC for a 12 lot subdivision at 67 Hoopole Hill Road on November 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Deep River Town Hall auditorium or first floor meeting room. (6-0) Voted Unanimously. Michael Harkin, P.E. for the applicant noted that they will send notification to the abutting property owners by certified mail as required by the Regulations. The decision on the application would be considered at the regular meeting scheduled for November 9, 2017. Members asked the applicant to provide information at the public hearing on the alternatives. Tom Knox inquired about the charter of the Conservation Commission for the protection of plant and animal life in the whole watershed. Chairman noted Section 10 of the Regulations, the Commission has the discretion to make a decision pertaining to long term ecological impacts.

David Leger, who operates iSkyPlay in France, was present for informal discussion regarding proposing disc golf on the Mislick property on South Main Street. He showed a plan of a recently developed 18 hole course in France. The operation proposed in Deep River would be a pay to play, 18 hole public course. The discs are modified frisbees and the holes are baskets. The topography is used for the discs. Mr. Leger noted that he is working with the proposed buyer of the 55 acre parcel to lease the entire parcel. A preliminary plan was available for the site which includes the course coverage of 30%, a 2,000 s.f. clubhouse, parking for 40 cars. The access would be through the adjacent Sullivan property. The course would be created for discs to go over wetlands. A CIWC permit would be required for any activity within a regulated area, including stream crossing or foot bridge. Trees approximately 3 or 4 inches in size would be removed. The wetlands would need to be delineated (flagged and mapped). The course would not hurt the environment. The course would be closed in December through February.

Old Business: Scott Papoosha, 199 Stevenstown Road: The Chairman will inquire with DEEP on the status of the investigation. Commission members are concerned regarding the condition of the property and changes that have occurred on the property.

WEO Report: No report.

Payment of Bills: The annual renewal of the CACIWC membership was received. A motion was made by John Dube and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to pay the CACIWC bill as submitted. (6-0) (Larsen opposed) Approved.

Conservation: George Atwood noted that he will spoke with the First Selectman about possible open space land creating addition open space under town ownership. George will also discuss with the First Selectman the splitting of the Commission. A motion was made by Ron Larsen and seconded by Mike Tomlinson to set a goal to make a decision in six months if the Commission will be splitting out to form a separate Conservation Commission. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Ron Larsen raised for discussion the option of having guest speakers coming in to speak with the Commission and residents. The Chairman will look into it.

Discussion took place about creating a table to clearly identify the filing fees.

A motion was made by George Atwood and seconded by John Dube to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (5-0) Voted Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Howard
Recording Secretary